# ANNUAL REPORTS

OF THE

## TOWN OFFICERS

OF THE

# TOWN OF EASTON,

INCLUDING THOSE OF THE

SELECTMEN, ASSESSORS, OVERSEERS OF THE POOR,
ROAD COMMISSIONERS, TREASURER, AND
SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

FOR THE

Year Ending December 31st, 1879.

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FALL RIVER, MASS.
PRESS OF FISKE & MUNROE, 5 COURT SQUARE.
1880.

# SELECTMEN'S REPORT.

The Selectmen of the Town of Easton submit the following report for the year ending Dec. 31st, 1879.

## ALMSHOUSE ESTABLISHMENT.

ACCOUNT OF STOCK AT ALMSHOUSE, DEC. 31, 1879.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| 7 | tons English hay, | 126 00 |
| 3 | tons meadow hay, | 24 00 |
| 2 | oxen | 150 00 |
| 7 | cows, | 280 00 |
| 1 | 2-year-old, | 20 00 |
| 3 | calves, | 36 00 |
| 10 | swine, | 162 00 |
| 70 | fowls, | 24 50 |
| ½ | bbl cranberries, | 3 50 |
| 18 | bushels beans, | 36 00 |
| 220 | bushels potatoes, | 165 00 |
| 35 | " carrots, | 14 00 |
| 45 | " turnips, | 20 00 |
| 16 | " beets, | 8 00 |
| 5 | " parsnips, | 3 75 |
| 1 | " onions, | 1 25 |

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| 1 bushel apples, | 1 40 |
| 100 lbs cabbage, | 6 00 |
| 125 lbs bacon, | 12 50 |
| 200 lbs pork, | 16 00 |
| 75 lbs lard, | 6 00 |
| 31 lbs butter, | 10 85 |
| Pumpkins, | 1 50 |
| 48 gallons molasses, | 24 00 |
| 33 " kerosene, | 4 25 |
| 75 " pickles, | 24 75 |
| 330 " vinegar, | 66 00 |
| 440 " cider, | 22 50 |
| 4 " soap, | 60 |
| ¾ bbl. crackers, | 1 48 |
| ½ bbl. flour, | 4 00 |
| 8½ tons coal, | 51 00 |
| Groceries, | 12 00 |
| Lumber, | 75 00 |
| | $1413 83 |

## EXPENDITURES OF ALMSHOUSE.

| | |
|---|---|
| Groceries | $460 44 |
| Flour | 178 16 |
| Grain | 491 97 |
| Meat | 462 63 |
| Fish | 66 00 |
| Other provisions | 13 77 |
| Clothing and bedding | 202 23 |
| Boots and shoes | 69 60 |
| Household utensils | 51 99 |
| School books and stationery | 8 50 |

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| Furniture | 4 54 |
| Labor | 661 40 |
| Fertilizers | 30 00 |
| Blacksmith | 30 18 |
| Farming tools | 115 44 |
| Stock | 40 15 |
| Hay | 184 56 |
| Lumber | 83 |
| Coal | 71 12 |
| Repairs | 104 63 |
| Medicine | 12 09 |
| Seed | 13 53 |
| Vegetables | 16 08 |
| Burial expenses | 15 50 |
| Wood | 58 25 |
| Ice | 8 31 |
| Sundries | 25 25 |
| Warden's salary | 412 50 |
| Valuation, Dec. 31, 1878 | 2062 79 |
| | $5872 44 |

## RECEIPTS OF ALMSHOUSE.

| | |
|---|---|
| 937 lbs. butter | $238 95 |
| Milk | 66 59 |
| Cider | 24 89 |
| Vegetables | 13 97 |
| Meat | 8 15 |
| Groceries | 14 14 |
| Stock | 167 63 |
| Wood | 322 87 |
| Labor | 104 80 |
| Board | 14 35 |

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| Yoke and bows | | 9 00 |
| Old iron | | 9 42 |
| Straw | | 4 98 |
| Premiums | | 16 00 |
| Swine | | 86 00 |
| Grain | | 4 05 |
| Eggs and fowls | | 38 47 |
| Calves | | 19 99 |
| Lumber | | 23 36 |
| Hearse | | 9 00 |
| Sundries | | 15 44 |
| Stock, &c., Dec. 31, 1879 | | 1413 83 |
| | | $2625 88 |
| Expenditures | $5872 44 | |
| Receipts | 2625 88 | |
| Balance against Almshouse | | $3246 56 |

The loss by the burning of the barn at the almshouse Nov. 27, 1879, including stock, hay, grain, &c., makes the balance against the almshouse about one thousand dollars greater than it would otherwise have been.

## INMATES OF ALMSHOUSE.

| Names. | Age. | Weeks in Almshouse. |
|---|---|---|
| Asa Drake, | 65 | 52 |
| Geo. W. Quinley, | 79 | 52 |
| Rebecca Allen, | 79 | 52 |
| Susan Bonney, | 69 | 52 |
| Betsey Allen, | 73 | 1 |
| Hannah Willis, | 75 | 39 |
| Peter Nelson, | 63 | 52 |

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| Lavina Nelson, | 47 | 52 |
| Welena Nelson, | 12 | 45 |
| William Nelson, | 11 | 52 |
| Jeneva Nelson, | 9 | 52 |
| Francis Nelson, | 8 | 52 |
| Elizabeth A. French, | 29 | 52 |
| Wm. H. French, | 3 | 52 |
| Loveyetna Randall, | 8 | 48 |
| Mary Kelley, | 36 | 52 |
| Hattie Kelley, | 10 | 49 |
| Mabel Kelley, | 3 | 52 |
| Charles M. Randall, | 47 | 52 |
| C. Frank Williams, | 49 | 52 |
| Almy Fryes, | 32 | 52 |
| Clarence Dickeman, | 5 | 52 |
| Ella Lewis, | 28 | 32 |
| Frederick Lewis, | 4 | 47 |
| Bertha E. Lewis, | 2 | 21 |
| Hiram French, | 76 | 52 |
| Nellie M. Walker, | 17 | 52 |
| Wm. H. Walker, | 1 | 52 |
| John E. Jackson, | 12 | 52 |
| Ida M. Randall, | 21 | 27 |
| John F. Clapp, | 22 | 2 |
| James Adams, | 77 | 45 |
| James Murphy, | 62 | 16 |
| Wm. Murphy, | 32 | 10 |
| Wm. S. Holmes, | 51 | 28 |
| Willard Randall, | 72 | 7 |
| Lawrence Cronin, | 76 | 1 |
| John Danahy, | | 1 |
| Whole number, | 38 | |
| Males, | 21 | |

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| Females, | 17 |
| Average number for year, | $29\frac{3}{52}$ |
| Died, | 1 |
| Discharged, | 12 |
| Now in Almshouse, | 25 |
| Average cost per week above income of farm, | $2 09 |
| Number of tramps, | 423 |
| Estimated cost at 20 cts., | $84 60 |

## EXPENSES OF POOR OUT OF ALMSHOUSE.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| For Matthew Campion, | | |
| Taunton Lunatic Hospital | | $184 29 |
| For J. W. Marshall, | | |
| Taunton Lunatic Hospital | | 180 96 |
| For Maria Kerley, | | |
| Taunton Lunatic Hospital | | 176 05 |
| For Sarah T. Jackson, | | |
| Taunton Lunatic Hospital | | 179 29 |
| For Ada M. Randall, | | |
| Northampton Lunatic Hospital | | 185 31 |
| For Charles A. Gilmore and family | | |
| Raynham, aid | | 16 46 |
| For Mrs. Wm. Murphy, | | |
| Byron Strout, groceries | | 26 00 |
| For Matthew Welch, | | |
| Jerry Reardon, board | 10 41 | |
| O. Ames & Sons, clothing | 4 30— | 14 71 |
| For Mrs. Abby Ripley and family, | | |
| Plymouth, aid | | 83 60 |
| For Susan Clark, | | |
| B. F. Savells, groceries | 42 50 | |
| J. M. Howard, " | 2 50— | 45 00 |

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| For Cassandria Leonard, | | |
| J. W. Willis, aid | | 30 00 |
| For Emily Carrol, | | |
| Canton, aid | | 64 60 |
| For Mrs. James Murphy, | | |
| Canton, aid | | 15 00 |
| For Amos Wade, | | |
| Geo. L. Kimball, clothing | | 10 00 |
| For Honora Ryan, | | |
| Canton, aid | | 5 00 |
| For Isaac Drew, | | |
| Geo. L. Kimball, groceries | | 6 00 |
| For Nancy Wade, | | |
| Geo. L. Kimball, groceries | | 3 50 |
| For J. W. Clark, | | |
| Wm. C. Howard, cash | 1 00 | |
| Timothy G. Marshall, wood | 5 00 | |
| Joel S. Drake, clothing | 4 00 | |
| George Copeland, groceries | 45 00 | |
| B. F. Macomber, cash | 2 50 | |
| T. H. & J. O. Dean, coal | 4 13— | 61 63 |
| For Mrs. Pat. Reynolds 2d, | | |
| O. Ames & Sons, groceries | | 96 00 |
| For Mrs. John McEvoy, | | |
| O. Ames & Sons, groceries | | 48 00 |
| For Wm. T. Austin, | | |
| O. Ames & Sons, groceries | | 16 18 |
| For Mrs. James McGinty, | | |
| O. Ames & Sons, groceries | 36 00 | |
| G. G. Withington & Co., medicine | 2 50 | |
| T. G. Marshall, wood | 2 50 | |
| T. H. & J. O. Dean, coal | 6 50— | 47 50 |
| For Mrs. David Conners, | | |
| O. Ames and Sons, groceries | | 60 00 |

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| For John Slone, | | | |
| O. Ames and Sons, groceries and coal | | | 57 87 |
| For Ellen Callahan, | | | |
| O. Ames and Sons, groceries | 25 00 | | |
| Andrew N. Grady, aid | 34 00 | — | 59 00 |
| For Fred Fowler, Jr., | | | |
| Randolph, aid | | | 157 88 |
| For Charles Thoursse. | | | |
| Richard Russell, rent | 3 83 | | |
| O. Ames & Sons, groceries &c. | 81 00 | | |
| H. Williams, wood | 1 50 | | |
| G. G. Withington & Co., medicine | 1 00 | | |
| Wm. H. Tobey, coffin, | 8 00 | | |
| T. H. & J. O. Dean, coal | 6 50 | — | 101 83 |
| For James Murphy. | | | |
| G. G. Wittington & Co., medicine | 75 | | |
| Howard & Clark, coffin &c. | 10 00 | | |
| Dr. Young, med. attendauce | 8 00 | — | 18 75 |
| For Asa Phillips. | | | |
| Thomas Drake, wood | 2 25 | | |
| J. S. Drake, groceries | 63 13 | | |
| T. H. & J. O. Dean, coal | 8 00 | — | 73 38 |
| For Lawrence Connell. | | | |
| G. G. Withington, cash | 25 00 | | |
| O. Ames & Sons, groceries | 17 00 | — | 42 00 |
| For Azel Randall. | | | |
| Joel S. Drake, groceries, | | | 2 00 |
| For McCullough children. | | | |
| Joel S. Drake, groceries | | | 96 00 |
| For Allen brothers. | | | |
| J. S. Drake, groceries | | | 25 48 |
| For Charles E. Terrel | | | |
| Salem, aid | | | 20 70 |

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| For Willard Randall, | | | |
| Oren Wilber, Jr., board | | | 9 00 |
| For Mrs. H. M. Willis, | | | |
| Joel S. Drake, groceries | 167 | 05 | |
| J. A. Pratt, wood | 3 | 00 | |
| J. O. Dean, coal | 16 | 00 | —186 05 |
| For Mrs. Patrick Donavan, | | | |
| O. Ames & Sons, groceries and coal | 103 | 93 | |
| J. O. Sullivan, wood | 1 | 50 | |
| H. Williams, " | 1 | 50 | |
| F. L. Ames, " | 2 | 00 | —108 93 |
| For Tracy children, | | | |
| H. Williams, cash | | | 6 55 |
| For M. McCool, | | | |
| Brockton, aid | 170 | 70 | |
| Wm. H. Tobey, coffin | 8 | 00 | —178 70 |
| For J. Kerley and family, | | | |
| Brockton, aid | | | 139 20 |
| For Washington Drake, | | | |
| Strout & Packard, groceries | 43 | 33 | |
| Charles Carr | | 50 | — 43 83 |
| For Ann Stanton, | | | |
| Strout & Packard, groceries | | | 39 00 |
| For Mrs. Fitzpatrick, | | | |
| Strout and Packard, groceries | | | 20 00 |
| For N. B Lincoln, | | | |
| J. W. Harding, groceries | 6 | 00 | |
| S. S. Brett, coal | 15 | 50 | — 21 50 |
| For Mrs. Willard Randall, | | | |
| James Watts, digging grave | 4 | 00 | |
| D. B. Williams, aid | 2 | 00 | |
| Wm. S. Tobey, coffin &c. | 11 | 50 | — 17 50 |
| For Mrs. Pat. Riley, | | | |
| O. Ames & Sons, coal | | | 4 92 |

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| For John McCourt, | | | | |
| Strout & Packard, groceries | 3 | 00 | | |
| B. Strout, groceries, etc. | 49 | 00 | | |
| H. Williams, wood | 3 | 00 | | |
| F. L. Ames, wood | 2 | 00 | | |
| O. Ames & Sons, coal | 11 | 24— | 68 | 24 |
| For Mrs. McConner, | | | | |
| Strout & Packard, groceries | 2 | 50 | | |
| J. O. Sullivan, wood | 1 | 50 | | |
| O. Ames & Sons, coal | 7 | 50— | 11 | 50 |
| For Charles E. Williams, | | | | |
| West Bridgewater, aid | 11 | 00 | | |
| For Charlotte Dunbar, | | | | |
| B. Strout, groceries | | | 5 | 00 |
| For Lydia Godfrey, | | | | |
| Isaac Drew, board | 21 | 00 | | |
| Geo. L. Kimball, groceries, etc. | 22 | 00 —43 | | 00 |
| For Mrs. James Gorham, | | | | |
| G. G. Withington, cash | | | 3 | 00 |
| For Wm. S. Holmes, | | | | |
| Cambridge, support | | | 58 | 14 |
| For Mrs. Matthew Campion, | | | | |
| Geo. G. Withington, cash | 60 | 00 | | |
| O. Ames & Sons, groceries, etc. | 60 | 00—120 | | 00 |
| For Mrs. John A. Lynch, | | | | |
| G. G. Withington, cash | 16 | 00 | | |
| B. Strout, groceries | 72 | 00 | | |
| G. G. Withington & Co. medicine | 1 | 40 —89 | | 40 |
| For Solomon Stone, | | | | |
| F. B. Littlefield, wood | 16 | 87 | | |
| J. S. Drake, groceries, etc. | 37 | 88 | | |
| Geo. L. Kimball, groceries, etc. | 56 | 00—110 | | 75 |
| For Wm. Holmes, | | | | |
| Cambridge, support | | | 148 | 85 |

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| For Thomas Mason, | | | |
| G. G. Withington, cash | | | 7 00 |
| For Henry A. White, | | | |
| Norton, aid | 52 00 | | |
| Athol, aid | 15 10 | | |
| J. S. Drake, groceries, etc. | 27 50 | —94 | 60 |
| For Lawrence Cronin, | | | |
| G. G. Withington and Co., medicine | | | 45 |
| For Wm. Blanchard, | | | |
| J. S. Drake, clothing | | | 7 00 |
| For J. C. Bonney, | | | |
| J. S. Drake, groceries | 8 00 | | |
| Geo. L Kimball, " | 6 00 | | |
| E. R. Hayward, wood | 3 75 | — 17 | 75 |
| For Nick. Murphy, | | | |
| Strout and Packard, groceries | | 27 | 80 |
| For Hannah Willis | | | |
| G. G. Withington, cash | | 4 | 00 |
| For Mrs. John Eddy and child, Norton, | | | |
| O. Ames and Sons, groceries, etc. | | 30 | 00 |
| For Wm. Reed, Brockton, | | | |
| J. S. Drake | | 3 | 00 |
| For Marcus W. Wheeler, Norton, | | | |
| B. T. Nye, wood | 2 00 | | |
| Joel S. Drake, groceries | 27 55 | | |
| J. A. Pratt, potatoes | 50 | — 30 | 05 |
| For James Humes, Douglas, | | | |
| Geo. L. Kimball, groceries | | 5 | 00 |
| For Mary Johnson, Brockton, | | | |
| Strout & Packard, groceries | 5 00 | | |
| H. Williams, wood | 1 50 | | |
| O. Ames & Sons, groceries | 52 44 | — 58 | 94 |
| For Alfred Gibbs, Sandwich, | | | |
| Strout & Packard, groceries | | 46 | 00 |

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| For J. H. LaShure, Falmouth, | | | |
| Geo. Copeland, groceries, etc. | 5 50 | | |
| Geo. Kimball, " | 42 00 | | |
| J. A. Pratt, wood | 4 75— | 52 | 25 |
| For Seth Williamson, Marshfield, | | | |
| Mrs. H. C. Williams, clothing | 3 81 | | |
| Edwin Fisher, rent | 2 50 | | |
| O. Ames & Sons, clothing | 6 82 | | |
| Geo. Copeland, groceries | 8 00 | | |
| Wm. C. Howard, cash | 2 05— | 23 | 18 |
| For Mary A. Snow, Braintree, | | | |
| Joel S. Drake, shoes, etc. | | 2 | 76 |
| For Chas. H. Smith, Mansfield, | | | |
| Joel S. Drake, groceries, etc. | 3 40 | | |
| J. M. Howard, " | 3 00— | 6 | 40 |
| For Merritt Newcomb, Norton, | | | |
| J. S. Drake, groceries, etc. | 52 00 | | |
| Geo. B. Cogswell, med. attendance | 2 50— | 54 | 50 |
| For James H. Snow, Taunton, | | | |
| J. S. Drake, groceries, etc. | | 156 | 00 |
| For Wm. S. Henrys, Raynham, | | | |
| Geo. L. Kimball, groceries etc. | 63 75 | | |
| D. W. Heath, wood | 6 00 | | |
| J. A. Pratt, wood | 10 25 | | |
| J. S. Drake, groceries etc. | 22 00 | | |
| Dr. Tilden, medical attendance | 6 00 | | |
| Geo. B. Cogswell, med. attendance | 1 25 | | |
| Wm. E. Drake, rent | 15 00 | | |
| T. H. & J. O. Dean, coal | 7 25— | 131 | 50 |
| For Nat. Fadden, Canton, | | | |
| George L. Kimball | | 52 | 00 |
| For Wm. B. Wheeler, Taunton, | | | |
| Geo. L. Kimball, groceries etc. | | 4 | 32 |

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| For Otis Bellows, Mansfield, | | | |
| Geo. L. Kimball, groceries etc. | | | 116 00 |
| For Lewis B. Wade, Brockton, | | | |
| O. Ames & Sons | | | 9 00 |
| For Hollis Leonard, State, | | | |
| W. D. Washburn, digging grave | 3 00 | | |
| B. Strout, groceries | 3 50 | | |
| Wm. H. Tobey, coffin and robe | 11 50 | —18 | 00 |
| For Peter Moore, State | | | |
| P. W. Fecto, commitment papers | | 5 | 00 |
| For Joseph E. Deem, State, | | | |
| Geo. L. Kimball, groceries, etc. | | 16 | 00 |
| For Geo. Weis, State, | | | |
| J. M. Howard, groceries, etc. | | 6 | 00 |
| For E. F. Dean, State, | | | |
| G. G. Withington & Co., medicine | | 7 | 60 |
| For Elizabeth and Sarah Leonard, State, | | | |
| B. Strout, groceries, etc. | | 5 | 00 |
| For John Connell, State, | | | |
| Bennett & Fuller, commitment papers | | 5 | 00 |
| For Pol. Olson, State, | | | |
| O. Ames and Sons, groceries | | 8 | 03 |
| For Bradford Leonard, State, | | | |
| Strout and Packard, groceries | 5 00 | | |
| G. G. Withington and Co. medicine | 40 | | |
| B. Strout, groceries, etc. | 29 00 | —34 | 40 |
| For Lewis D. Leonard, State, | | | |
| Strout and Packard, groceries | 2 00 | | |
| B. Strout, " | 14 50 | —16 | 50 |
| For John E. Pike, State, | | | |
| J. S. Drake, groceries etc. | 10 25 | | |
| J. M. Howard, groceries, etc. | 7 00 | —17 | 25 |
| | | $4732 | 31 |

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| Appropriation of Town for poor, | $5500 00 | |
| Received from other towns, | 506 03 | |
| Due from other towns and the State, | 413 65 | |
| | | 6419 68 |
| Paid for poor out of Almshouse, | 4732 31 | |
| Balance against Almshouse, | 3246 56 | |
| | | 7978 87 |
| Exceeded appropriation, | | $1559 19 |

## TOWN OFFICERS' BILLS.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| J. A. Pratt, | | |
| Time, | $184 25 | |
| Conveyance, | 23 43 | |
| Cash expenses, | 7 65 | |
| | | 215 33 |
| Hiram Williams, | | |
| Time, | 204 25 | |
| Conveyance, | 29 50 | |
| Cash expenses, | 11 15 | |
| | | 244 90 |
| William C. Howard, | | |
| Time, | 202 50 | |
| Conveyance, | 29 50 | |
| Cash expenses, | 3 70 | |
| | | 235 70 |

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| Geo. G. Withington, | | |
| Time, | 30 87 | |
| Travel and cash expenses, | 29 73 | |
| Paying State aid, | 11 97 | |
| Collecting, recording, indexing and returning births, marriages and deaths, | 51 45 | |
| | | $124 02 |
| Geo. C. Belcher, | | |
| Services as school committee, | | 7 50 |
| Wm. L. Chaffin, | | |
| Services as school committee, | 97 75 | |
| conveyance and cash expenses, | 38 88 | |
| | | 136 63 |
| J. O. Dean, | | |
| Services as school committee, | | 38 95 |
| James Rankin, | | |
| Services as school committee, | | 18 00 |
| L. S. Drake, | | |
| Services as school committee, | | 36 25 |
| P. W. Fecto, | | |
| Services as Constable, | | 20 50 |
| Daniel M. Dailey, | | |
| Sealer of weights and measures, | | 25 00 |
| | | $1102 78 |

## APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE YEAR 1879.

| | |
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| Highways, | 2000 00 |
| Schools, | 8632 00 |
| Repairs on school-houses, | 400 00 |
| Support of poor, | 5500 00 |
| Current expenses, | 1800 00 |
| Clearing roads of snow, | 300 00 |
| Road near R. H. Reed's, | 70 00 |
| " E. T. Goward's, | 185 00 |
| " Daniel Roach's, | 100 00 |
| Stone crusher, | 1100 00 |
| Setting up same, | 200 00 |
| Outfit for roads, | 700 00 |
| Car fare of high school scholars, | 125 00 |
| Canton street, | 1200 00 |
| Somerset bridge assessment, | 1800 00 |
| | $24112 00 |
| State tax, | 830 00 |
| County tax, | 2922 27 |
| Overlay, | 412 54 |
| | $28276 81 |

Valuation of Town May 1st, 1879 :—

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| Personal property, | | $1,540,021 00 |
| Real Estate, | | 1,127,926 00 |
| | | $2,667,947 00 |
| Number of polls, | 959 | |
| Poll tax, | $1 87 | |

Rate, $7 50 on $1,000.

J. A. PRATT,
HIRAM WILLIAMS,
WILLIAM C. HOWARD,

*Selectmen, Assessors, and Overseers of the Poor, of Easton.*

# REPORT

OF

# ROAD COMMISSIONERS.

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The Town is to be congratulated, in the fact that in the year past, its highways and repair money have all been in one town, instead of in eleven small townships, as is the case under the district system. The good results must be evident, as in the repair of the swamp roads in No. 3 and the cutting of hills in Nos. 4 and 5, also in the scraping of roads, we have had the privilege of driving the entire length of the road although it lay in several different districts. And in all the repairs that have been made, we have not had to ask the question, "In what district is it?" and "Is the whole appropriation large enough to do the needed repair as it should be done?" Whatever may have been the success of the present commissioners there can be no doubt that the present town system of repairing highways is the best. The town of Waltham has followed this system for many years, and owns a large stable and shed in which they store tools and keep some eight or ten horses the year around. This fact, together with several other important ones, accounts for their good roads.

## ROAD PROPERTY.

The road property of the town at the commencement of the year was found in very poor condition, and of the tools very few could be found. The carts were thoroughly repaired, one new set of wheels, and two pair of shafts being needed, and about seventy dollars were required to put the harnesses in order. A second hand ox cart was bought and repaired and has done good service; also a grain and tool box were built. We give below a list of the road property which is now in good condition.

4 Horses which are kept this winter free of expense.

5 Carts.
2 Plows.
2 Stone drags.
1 Road scraper.
1 Scraper.
1 Road Roller.
1 Ox Yoke.
4 Harnesses.
4 Halters.
4 Feed Bags.
6 Feed Boxes.
7 Pair Hame Straps.
4 Currycombs.
4 Brushes.
3 Sponges.
6 Pails.
36 Shovels.
22 Picks.
4 New Pick Handles.
6 Pick Hoes.
9 Iron Rakes.
7 Hoes.
9 Forks.
3 Axes.
2 Hatchets.
1 Burning Brand.
1 Steel Stamp.
8 Steel Bars.
6 Bush Scythes
3 Scythe Snathes.
4 Sledges.
14 Drills.
3 Large chains.
3 Tie chains.
4 Plow Points.
2 Wrenches.
1 Hammer.
3 Oil cans,
5 Lanterns.
1 Rammer
1 Double Whiffletree.
1 Wagon Jack.
4 Gravel Screens.

## ROLLER.

It was found that such a roller as we needed could not be bought for less than three hundred dollars. Thinking that one could be made for less money, we kept the order in town, at a saving of over one hundred dollars.

Weight of Roller, 5220 lbs.

## STONE CRUSHER.

Your committee took great pains in the purchase of the stone crusher, and visited ten places where they are in use, gaining much information concerning them and their use.

We are confident that the town now owns as good a machine as there is in the country, with which from sixty to seventy five ton of stone can be broken per day fine enough for road purposes. It now remains for the town to make a practical use of it.

Your committee are very confident from the observation we have had the past season, that if used, and the broken stone properly applied to the roads, the town will all soon be convinced of the wisdom and economy of the purchase. But let no one be led to think that because we have a stone crusher, we shall have good roads all over town in one or two years. We have nearly seventy miles of roads in town, and to make them all first class will require a large outlay of money, if well expended; for it is a stern fact that good roads are expensive, and to be well made we must have good material, and in many places the expense of hauling it is great. Let us not think that because the crusher is at present in North Easton that we cannot have good roads in other parts of the town, for such is not the fact. There are, in many

parts of the town, hills of stony loose gravel and if the town will take measures to secure this gravel and also secure in some way land for the storage of the stones that are screened from it, instead of dumping them by the road side, many times where they are not needed, and are a nuisance, the stones thus stored can be assorted, the large ones put at the bottom, the small ones on top, then well rolled down, and a light coating of gravel on top of all, and we have in substance a regular "Telford" road. Of course it is expensive to handle over the stones and assort them, but it must be done if we will make the best use of the stone, and make good permanent roads. The sooner the town learns that the stones are the most valuable part of a gravel pit, the better, for those who want good roads. We have put in, the past season, several pieces of these stone roads which we trust have shown their value this muddy winter. We hope the town will move at once in this important matter, and not longer suffer this waste of most valuable material. Loam and sand will answer for widening, and filling, but the stones and coarse gravel should be kept in the travelled part of the road. A sum of money could be appropriated for the purchase or lease of gravel pits, and land for the storage of stones, and as it would not be right to take all the expense of the purchase from the appropriation for repairs in one year, a small amount could be paid back to the treasury each year, for the gravel used, if we do not wish to increase our repair appropriation. One such lot has been secured the past year, and a part of the expense charged to the repairs acct.

On this subject of applying coarse gravel to our roads, the gentleman through whose generosity and love of good roads we have received and expended the sum of $4000

this year, told one of your Commissioners within five years, that the town ought to raise $30,000 and put 18 inches of coarse gravel on all our roads. His noble bequest a short time after shows that it was a well considered remark, and that he wanted to help the town carry it out. Shall we not try to help ourselves all we can ?

It has been the purpose of your Commissioners to put on good gravel or none, and this will, in part, account for the large number of loads of filling that have been moved the past season.

We wish all interested in roads would find a copy of the seventeenth annual report of the Secretary of the Mass. Board of Agriculture, printed in 1870, and study carefully the treatise on road making.

Your Commissioners have found a great many places on the roads that were narrow, steep, and dangerous, especially in the night time. To lessen the number of these places has been our constant purpose, and very much has been accomplished. Much more should be done in this line the coming year, as it is certainly much cheaper to repair these places than to pay damages.

There are a number of places in town where the road should be widened in order to make repairs in the best manner.

## NEW ROADS.

The Roach road in North Easton has not been built, for the reason that in the opinion of your Commissioners the grade of Main Street between the houses of P. W. Fecto and Hiram Williams should be lowered and the gravel put upon Roach Street, and its place supplied with crushed stone. Not being prepared to put on the crushed

stone, it was thought best to let the building of it pass over until next year. The other new roads have been built in a thorough, and we trust, satisfactory manner. More than the amount appropriated has been spent in every case, as we think a road well built is more than twice built.

## GRAVEL BOUGHT.

7978 loads of gravel of 32 different persons $342 55

## GRAVEL AND FILLING MOVED.

9951 loads of gravel moved. 10791 loads of stone and filling moved. Total loads moved, 20742.

## FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

Cost of road roller $178 75

No appropriation was made for the expense of the roller.

Cost of crusher and connecting it with power.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Crushing machine, | $ 700 00 | |
| Freight on machine, | 58 10 | |
| Shafting, pulleys, hangers and belts, | 217 77 | |
| All other expenses, | 206 43 | —$1182 30 |
| Appropriation for crusher, | 1100 00 | |
| Connecting with power, | 200 00 | — 1300 00 |
| Unexpended, | | 117 70 |

## COST OF TEAMS AND TOOLS.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| 4 horses, | 470 00 | |
| 1 yoke oxen, | 150 00 | |
| 1 ox cart, | 35 00 | |
| Harnesses, | 71 50 | |
| Parker and Garnetts bill of tools, | 39 59 | |
| Dodge, Gilbert & Co., bill of road tools and cart wheels, | 103 00 | |
| O. Ames & Sons bill of shovels, drills and picks, | 42 80 | |
| A. Hayward & Son bill of repairing, | 30 59 | |
| S. D. Simpson bill of road work, | 55 04 | |
| H. F. Dean bill of tools, | 49 71 | |
| Sundry small bills, | 52 76— | 1099 99 |
| Appropriation for tools, | 700 00 | |
| Received for oxen sold, | 150 00— | 850 00 |
| Expended over the appropriation, | | 249 99 |

## REPAIRS AND BUILDING.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Total expenses of Commissioners in in scraping and repairing roads, cutting bushes and building three new roads, | | 7729 37 |
| Town appropriation for repairs, | 2000 00 | |
| Town appropriation for building Canton street, | 1200 00 | |
| Town appropriation for building road near E. T. Goward's, | 125 00 | |
| Town appropriation for building road near R. H. Reed's, | 50 00 | |
| Income of Ames' Bequest, | 4000 00— | 7375 00 |
| Expended over the appropriation, | | $ 354 37 |

It was not the purpose of your Commissioners to expend more than the appropriation for repairs and building, and must plead in excuse the omission of one item from the account, until it was too late to avoid it. The amount due the Commissioners is $249 99 for tools and $178 75 for roller, which should be paid from the Treasury. And $354 37 on repairs and building, which can be taken from the appropriation for next year, or paid from the Treasury, as is thought best. The unexpended balance of the crusher appropriation not needed, will be returned to the treasury.

A book is in possession of the Commissioners which shows the items of expenditure which can be examined by, those who wish.

JOHN O. DEAN,
LEAVITT C. BERRY,
HIRAM F. DEAN,
} *Road Commissioners of Easton.*

Easton, December 31, 1879.

# TREASURER'S REPORT.

TOWN OF EASTON *in account with*

GEO. G. WITHINGTON, *Treas.*

CR. CASH RECEIVED.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Balance in treasury Jan. 1 | | $3,894 93 |
| Assessors' return of taxes for 1879 | | 22,281 56 |
| On loan in anticipation of taxes | | 11,768 44 |
| From F. L. Ames, income "Ames bequest," from March 1, 1879, to March 1, 1880 | | 8,000 00 |
| Commonwealth, | | |
| Corporation tax | $4,321 05 | |
| National Bank tax | 2,424 81 | |
| State Aid | 1,179 00 | |
| Indigent Soldiers' Aid | 553 01 | |
| State Paupers | 42 08 | |
| Temporary support | 60 00 | |
| School Fund | 229 23 | |
| | | 8,809 18 |

| | |
|---|---|
| County Treasurer, on acct. Dog Fund | 244 84 |
| Rent of Schoolhouse Hall | 50 00 |
| J. O. Dean, use of Schoolhouse No. 1 | 2 00 |
| Use of road carts | 3 83 |
| C. H. Reed, dividend on insurance policy | 22 50 |
| Sale of land for parsonage | 200 00 |
| M. C. Lamprey, tuition in High School | 27 00 |
| Charles Rathburne, pedler's license | 10 00 |
| H. Manahan, unexpended road money | 11 89 |
| A. S. Belcher, on account of harness | 19 62 |
| P. W. Fecto, use of lock-up | 3 00 |
| Apothecary's license | 1 00 |
| Repayment of aid to poor | 20 00 |
| City of Taunton | 208 00 |
| Town of Falmouth | 52 25 |
| " Mansfield | 127 40 |
| " Marshfield | 32 23 |
| " Raynham | 144 37 |
| " Waltham | 24 00 |
| " Brockton | 142 94 |
| " Sandwich | 46 00 |
| " Canton | 52 00 |
| " Stoughton, one half expense of bound stone | 3 50 |
| | 56,202 48 |

DR. CASH PAID.

| | |
|---|---|
| State tax | 830 00 |
| County tax | 2922 27 |
| National Bank tax | 442 20 |
| County Treasurer for dog licenses | 273 00 |
| Six per cent. discount on taxes paid before Oct. | 1336 89 |
| Somerset bridge | 803 12 |
| On account of roads | 6000 00 |
| Appropriation for horses, carts and tools | 700 00 |
| " " Canton street | 1200 00 |
| " " road near R. H. Reed's | 70 00 |
| " " " " E. T. Goward's | 190 00 |
| Bound stones and setting the same | 23 13 |
| Clearing roads of snow | 171 16 |
| Appropriation for stone crusher | 1300 00 |
| Expenses of almshouse | 2572 02 |
| Wardens' saleries | 675 00 |
| Insurance on almshouse | 84 40 |
| Temporary barn at almshouse | 252 62 |
| Lumber for ice house at almshouse | 81 69 |
| On account of new barn at almshouse | 250 00 |
| Poor outside of almshouse | 4732 31 |
| Taxes remitted by assessors | 218 07 |
| Dr. F. E. Tilden, services as town physician | 42 00 |
| Dr. G. B. Cogswell, " " " | 26 67 |
| Expense in case of "Fries & Fries" | 114 02 |
| Wages of school teachers | 9278 65 |
| School house repairs | 575 91 |
| Other school expenses | 2001 30 |
| Car fare of High School scholars | 89 53 |
| John M. Shepard as truant officer | 13 37 |
| Henry Hamilton " " | 7 00 |
| Notes and interest on the same | 14000 00 |

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|---|---|
| Town officers bills | 1102 78 |
| Insurance on school houses | 76 00 |
| Printing town reports and sundries | 163 75 |
| Rent of town hall | 60 00 |
| Express charges | 5 50 |
| Copying old records | 75 00 |
| E. Howard & Co., standard weights | 43 00 |
| Thomas Groom & Co., blank books | 10 75 |
| T. H. & J. O. Dean repairing balances | 2 00 |
| Howard Perkins surveying | 5 50 |
| Dr. G. B. Gogswell services in Johnson case | 2 00 |
| P. W. Fecto care of lockup | 24 00 |
| David Dean serving legal process | 1 08 |
| School books furnished to poor children | 17 64 |

STATE AID AS FOLLOWS, VIZ.:

| | |
|---|---|
| George A. Lackey | 120 00 |
| Charles T. Williams | 48 00 |
| Joseph H. Ridlon | 96 00 |
| Charles F. Lothrop | 27 00 |
| Dennison S. Drew | 96 00 |
| Geo. N. Blanchard | 84 00 |
| Edward A. Cotter | 54 00 |
| Andrew N. Grady | 36 00 |
| John W. McDonald | 36 00 |
| Thomas Donahue | 36 00 |
| Francis McKenny | 18 00 |
| Mrs. Celia J. Wells | 48 00 |
| Mrs. Lizzie E. Pool | 48 00 |
| Mrs. Caroline F. Hill | 48 00 |
| Mrs. Charlotte A. Pope | 48 00 |
| Mrs. Eveline Legrow | 48 00 |
| Mrs. Salome Lothrop | 48 00 |
| Mrs. Mary Richards | 48 00 |

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|---|---|---|---|
| Mrs. Mary McEvoy | 48 00 | | |
| Mrs. Annie Haney | 48 00 | —$1083 00 | |
| State aid under Ch. 282, Acts of 1879, | | 441 09 | |
| | | $54,389 42 | |
| Uncollected taxes | 355 58 | | |
| Cash in treasury | 1457 48 | —$2813 06 | |
| | | $56,202 48 | |

GEO. G. WITHINGTON, *Treasurer.*

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## AUDITOR'S REPORT.

EASTON, Feb. 17, 1880.

We, the subscribers, Auditors of the accounts of the town of Easton for the year ending Dec. 31, 1879, have examined the accounts of George G. Withington, Treasurer, and have found the same correctly cast and properly vouched for.

GEO. W. KENNEDY,
EDWARD N. MORSE, } *Auditors.*

## CONDITION OF TREASURY, DEC. 31, 1879.

### Assets.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Cash, | $1457 48 | | |
| Uncollected Taxes, | 355 58 | | |
| | | $1,813 06 | |
| Due from Commonwealth: | | | |
| For State aid | $1083 00 | | |
| " indigent soldiers' aid | 331 52 | | |
| " aid State paupers | 138 78 | | |
| | | 1553 30 | |
| Due from Raynham, | | 22 25 | |
| " Norton, | | 114 55 | |
| " Douglas, | | 5 00 | |
| " Taunton | | 160 32 | |
| " Arthur S. Belcher bal. on harness, | | 10 38 | |
| | | | $3,678 86 |

### Liabilities.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Note to Mrs. E. Simpson, | | $200 00 | |
| Interest on do. at 4 per cent., | | 14 24 | |
| Due to Lakeville, | | 32 00 | |
| " Dartmouth, | | 50 00 | |
| | | | $296 24 |
| Balance in favor of treasury, | | | $3,382 62 |

GEO. G. WITHINGTON, *Treasurer.*

# BIRTHS REGISTERED IN EASTON IN 1879.

| DATE. | NAME OF CHILD. | SEX. | NAMES OF PARENTS. |
|---|---|---|---|
| Jan'y 7 | David Reehill, | M | Barnard and Annie. |
| " 11 | John Francis Dailey, | M | Cornelius and Hannah. |
| " 12 | William Francis Long, | M | Thomas and Mary. |
| " 14 | Mary Ellen Slattery, | F | Edmund and Margaret. |
| " 18 | Cornelius Reardon, | M | Cornelius and Eliza. |
| " 19 | Mary E. Richardson, | F | Paul and Mary. |
| " 21 | Orrin Francis Randall, | M | John M. and Eglantine R. |
| " 23 | John J. Gardner, | M | John D. and Kate M. |
| " 24 | Carl D. Minser, | M | John D. and Lucy E. |
| " 31 | Lorenzo Deroyce Smith, | M | Deroyce and Hattie A. |
| Feb'y 21 | Edith May Randall, | F | James F. and Almira L. |
| March 3 | Ruby L. Barrows, | F | George and Susan E. |
| " 4 | Bridget E. Sweeny, | F | James and Annie F. |
| " 8 | Annie McNamara, | F | John and Annie. |
| " 10 | Milo M Williams, | M | Monroe F. and Hattie. |
| " 23 | Florence E. Leighton, | F | James H. and Sarah R. |
| " 26 | Mary E. Cunningham, | F | James and Delia. |
| " 27 | Mary Ann Kelleher, | F | Patrick and Mary. |
| " 29 | Margaret Mahony, | F | John and Mary. |
| April 1 | Margaret Travers, | F | Edward and Hannah. |
| " 4 | ——— Nickerson, | F | Freeman and Louisa. |
| " 15 | Timothy Linnehan, | M | Frank and Ellen. |
| " 25 | Louise K. Goward, | F | Willard K. and Hattie L. |
| " 27 | Harold C. Hanlon, | M | John and Lizzie. |
| May 1 | Thomas Sheehan, | M | Thomas and Catherine. |
| " 3 | Ethel P. Clements, | F | William H. and M. Eva. |
| " 9 | Susan Mabel Randall, | F | Job and Julia A. |
| " 14 | Rollin C. Mack, | M | Alexander and Anna J. |
| " 29 | Margaret E. Dailey, | F | Michael and Ellen. |
| June 3 | Michael Reardon, | M | Michael and Johannah. |
| " 7 | Willard F. Burt, | M | Herbert M. and Ellen L. |
| " 9 | Henry Traverse, | M | Owen and Mary. |
| " 10 | George Geddes, | M | George and Isabella. |
| " 15 | Everett B. Ladd, | M | Thomas F. and Wealtha J. |
| July 10 | Sarah E. Rollins, | F | George J. and Grace. |
| " 12 | Harry R. Franklin, | M | Benj. N. and E. Jeannette. |
| " 13 | William Gallavan, | M | John and Mary. |
| " 13 | Margaret H. Carroll, | F | Jeremiah and Mary. |
| " 13 | ——— Coney, | F | Patrick and Betsey. |
| " 17 | Elizabeth Fitzgerald, | F | John and Hannah. |
| " 22 | Clarissa M. Safford, | F | William J. and Sarah L. |
| " 27 | ——— Riley, | F | Daniel and Ellen. |
| " 28 | Daniel McDonald, | M | John W. and Kate. |
| " 31 | George W. Bump, | M | Joseph W. and Carrie E. |
| August 3 | Maurice Francis Sheehan, | M | Maurice and Ellen. |
| " 10 | James Mullen, | M | Hugh and Kate. |
| " 14 | Ellen E. Murphy, | F | Dennis and Ellen. |
| " 24 | Catherine E. Ryan, | F | John and Mary. |
| " 30 | Mary Sweeny, | F | John and Hannah. |
| " 31 | Mary McGinty, | F | John and Ann. |

## Births Registered in Easton in 1879.—*Continued.*

| DATE. | NAME OF CHILD | Sex. | NAMES OF PARENTS. |
|---|---|---|---|
| Sept. 2 | Alice Wise, | F | Oliver and Mary. |
| " 2 | Archy Otis Snow, | M | Archy O. and Harriet E. |
| " 3 | Wallace Smith Grant, | M | James and Jessie. |
| " 3 | Cornelius Cotter, | M | Cornelius and Margaret. |
| " 4 | Harriet R. Drake, | F | Abbott and Abbie E. |
| " 8 | John O'Neil | M | Bartholomew and Kate. |
| " 12 | Mary Ann Middleton, | F | Frank and Josie H. |
| " 24 | Margaret Connell, | F | Charles and Mary |
| Octob'r 7 | Mabel L. Randall, | F | Jacob J. and Margaret A. |
| " 9 | Frank W. Molander, | M | John A. and Hannah. |
| " 12 | Emma E. Cox, | F | Phiiip and Ann. |
| Nov. 18 | ——— Webster, | M | Clinton B. and Mary A. |
| " 20 | Harry J. Canegaly, | M | Augustus and Maria. |
| " 21 | Joseph Murry. | M | Thomas and Ellen. |
| Dec. 5 | ——— Howard, | F | Charles F. and Mary P. |
| " 14 | ——— Ahearn, | F | James and Maria. |
| " 16 | ——— Williams, | M | James F. and Hannah J. |
| " 23 | ——— Bradley, | M | Patrick and Hannah. |
| " 23 | George C. Shields, | M | Patrick and Annie. |
| " 23 | Harriet F. Stone, | F | George H. and Harriet L. |
| April 2 | Inez Loretta Gibbs, | F | ——— Harriet V. Gibbs. |

# MARRIAGES REGISTERED IN EASTON IN 1879.

Jan. 1. Wm. F. Thayer and Estellina V. Bryant, both of Stoughton.
Jan. 14. John Donahue and Anna Fay, both of Easton.
Jan. 13. John Molander, of Easton, and Hannah Johanson, of Boston.
Jan. 29. Otis J. Sweet, of Norton, and Anna D. Drake, of Easton.
Mar. 19. Orville R. Randall, of Easton, and Margaret E. Tisdale, of Sharon.
Mar. 20. Leander Chase and Betsey Tillson, both of Easton.
Apr. 13. John Gallavan and Mary Burke, both of Easton.
May 14. Charles Crockett and Alice J. Mayall, both of Easton.
June 4. Henry D. Newton and Emily C. Howard, both of Easton.
June 11. Henry Waldo Lothrop and Selia F. Burdon, both of Stoughton.
June 15. Timothy Flynn and Julia Lyons, both of Easton.
June 20. J. Thomas Kimball and Arabella G. Heath, both of Easton.
July 16. Aug. A Boodry, of Brockton, and Ida M. Randall, of Easton.
July 16. George F. Leonard and Emma F. Smith, both of Easton.
July 17. Thomas B. Keith, of Easton, and Ella L. Bradish, of Milford.
July 20. William F. Brooks, of Brockton, and Luella J. Carr, of Easton.
July 20. Charles T. Williams, of Easton, and Charlotte A. Howard, of Cochesett.
Aug. 16. Charles A. Wood, of Easton, and Helen A. Carroll, of St. Albans, Vt.
Aug. 16. Charles Johnson and Fredricka Dolberg, both of Easton.
Aug. 23. Amos K. Snow and Mary E. Morse, both of Brockton.
Aug. 28. Abner J. Power, of Boston, and Caroline A. Morse, of Easton.
Sep. 1. Charles B. Wade, of Easton, and Adelia D. Jenkins, of Auburn, Me.
Oct. 14. Charles J. Colgan, of Indiana, and Addie C. Waite, of Easton.
Oct. 23. John J. O'Connor, of Taunton, and Mary Ann Sullivan, of Easton.
Oct. 26. James A. Jackson, of Brockton, and Rosa A. Riley, of Easton.
Oct. 29. Amasa C. Heath, of Easton, and Lydia W. Reed, of Middleboro.
Nov. 4. David Martyn and Hattie A. Holmes, both of Easton.
Nov. 12. Shepherd L. Pratt, of Newton, and Carrie E. Williams, of Easton.
Dec. 17. Augustus L. Florin, of Brockton, and Nellie Clonan, of Easton.

# DEATHS REGISTERED IN EASTON IN 1879.

| DATE. | NAME. | AGE. | | | CAUSE OF DEATH. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | Yrs. | Mos. | Dys. | |
| Jan'y 8 | Francis Richardson, | 61 | | | Cancer. |
| 8 | Betsey Allen, | 72 | 5 | 8 | Influenza. |
| 13 | Susan H. Blanchard, | 69 | 3 | 6 | " |
| 12 | Rachel Blake, | 89 | 9 | 25 | Lung Fever. |
| 24 | Richard H. Murphy, | 1 | 10 | 16 | Croup. |
| 25 | William T. Cotter, | 2 | 2 | 16 | Diphtheria. |
| 26 | James O'Keefe, | 8 | 5 | | " |
| 29 | Asenath Alger, | 70 | 10 | 21 | Pneummonia. |
| Feb'y 5 | Patrick Donavan, | 39 | 6 | | " |
| 8 | Mary Mullen, | 80 | | | Disease of Heart. |
| 12 | Mary L. Connelly, | 56 | | | Pneumonia. |
| 22 | James Marshall, | 36 | | | " |
| 22 | Jane M. Drake, | 58 | | | Phthisis Pulm. |
| 24 | J hn Ahearn, | 33 | 9 | | Heart Disease. |
| March 3 | John Reilly, | | 6 | | Diphtheria. |
| 3 | Solomon Thayer, | 60 | 4 | 21 | Tumor on Brain. |
| 3 | Olive D. Thayer, | 79 | 9 | 7 | Pneumonia. |
| 5 | Abijah Knapp, | 82 | 9 | 14 | Apoplexy. |
| 14 | Sarah Randall, | 66 | | | Pneumonia. |
| 27 | Hannah Riley, | 3 | 8 | 2 | Scarlet Fever. |
| April 3 | Sarah H. Sylvester, | 42 | 5 | 25 | Pyaemia. |
| 5 | Elvira T. Atkinson, | 23 | 9 | 1 | Enteritis. |
| 16 | Polly King, | 76 | 4 | 6 | Bronchitis. |
| 28 | James W. Clark, | 29 | | 6 | Consumption. |
| May 1 | Ann Quinn, | 65 | | | Pulm Congestion. |
| 6 | John A. Burke, | | 5 | 21 | Bronchitis. |
| 8 | James McGuity, | 59 | | | Ulceration of Larynx |
| 7 | Wm. H. Cunningham, | 12 | | | Diptheria. |
| 11 | Lillian L. Evans, | | 2 | 4 | Erysipelas. |
| 23 | Malancy Lawton, | 80 | 5 | | Heart Disease. |
| 31 | Nellie E. Cunningham, | 10 | 6 | | Convulsions. |
| July 8 | Hollis H. Leonard, | 20 | 6 | 10 | Phthisis. |
| 14 | Catherine Gorman, | 70 | 6 | | Ulceration of Stom. |
| 20 | George A. Wordell, | 35 | 6 | 3 | Angina Pectoris. |
| Aug. 13 | Ellen Moore, | 40 | | | Phthisis Pulm. |
| 15 | Leslie K. Clapp, | 1 | 4 | 4 | Dysentery. |
| 17 | Cassandria Leonard, | 67 | 4 | 27 | Bright's Disease. |
| 25 | Charles Thoursse, | 38 | | | Cancer of Liver. |
| 26 | Annie Hammond, | 3 | 3 | 5 | Convulsions. |
| 28 | Nancy Nickerson, | 75 | 11 | | Dropsy. |
| Sept'r 5 | Wealthy Bonney, | 76 | | | Abcess. |
| 6 | James Murphy, | 61 | | | Disease of Liver. |
| 10 | John J. Gardner, | | 7 | 17 | Cholera Infantum. |
| 22 | George W. Hunt, | 40 | 4 | | Acute Phthisis. |
| Oct'r 3 | Alice Wise, | | | 31 | Heart Disease. |
| Nov'r 3 | Sarah Meader, | 83 | 8 | 20 | Brain Exhaustion. |
| 5 | Philip Riley, | 48 | | | Pneumonia. |
| 8 | Mary Flood, | 16 | 2 | 22 | Phthisis Pulm. |
| 11 | Senada E. Johnson, | 1 | 9 | 13 | Croupous Laryngitis. |

| DATE. | NAME. | AGE. | | | CAUSE OF DEATH. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | Yrs. | Mos. | Dys. | |
| Nov'r 13 | Everett B. Ladd, | | 5 | | Marasmus. |
| 18 | Ernest A. Johnson, | 3 | 8 | | Diphtheria & Croup. |
| Dec'r 8 | Samuel Lewis, | 68 | | | Heart Disease. |
| 9 | Nellie A. Dodge, | 32 | 3 | 3 | Consumption. |
| 11 | Bridget McKeon, | 61 | 10 | | Asthma. |
| 12 | Samuel Snow, | 73 | | | Apoplexy. |
| 13 | Charles W. McGuire, | 3 | 10 | 10 | Pseudo-Mem.-Croup. |
| 14 | Karolina F. Rasmusson, | 2 | 4 | 26 | Mem. Croup. |
| 25 | Michael J. O'Leary, | 3 | 3 | 4 | Diph. Croup. |
| 26 | Margaret D. Barber, | 42 | | | Phthisis Pulm. |
| 27 | Hannah L. B. Deans, | 81 | 9 | 19 | Paralysis. |
| 29 | John Kelleher, | 29 | | | Phthisis Pulm. |

# ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

# SCHOOL COMMITTEE

OF THE

# TOWN OF EASTON.

## SCHOOL COMMITTEE IN 1879.

J. O. Dean, Wm. L. Chaffin,
L. S. Drake, James Rankin,

## TEACHERS EMPLOYED DURING THE YEAR.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| No. 1 | Annie L. Bennett. | No. 7 | Jessie F. Russell. |
| " 1 | L. M. Toothacher. | " 7 | Carrie E. Gay. |
| " 1 | Louisa F. Marshall. | " 7 | Hattie A. Holmes. |
| " 2 | W. C. Spring. | " 7 | Mary J. Renyolds. |
| " 2 | P. B. Cathelle. | " 7 | Anna Chase. |
| " 3 | Lottie M. Heath. | " 7 | Mattie Chase. |
| " 6 | Carrie A. Keith. | " 7 | C. L. Polsen. |
| " 7 | M. C. Lamprey. | " 7 | C. C. Watson. |
| " 7 | E. T. Atkinson. | " 7 | Mary McEvoy. |
| " 7 | Mary V. Morse. | " 8 | Helen L. Gay. |
| " 7 | Rebecca C. Brooks. | " 9 | Sussie M. Butters. |
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Emma C. Kaan.

# REPORT.

*To the Citizens of Easton:*

The undersigned School Committee present the following report of the schools of Easton for the year 1879 :—

## STATISTICS.

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|---|---|
| Number of children in town May 1, 1879, between five and fifteen years of age, | 831 |
| This is a gain from the year before of, | 31 |
| Number of different scholars of all ages enrolled on the school registers for 1879, | 936 |
| Number of these over fifteen years of age, | 103 |
| And under five years, | 5 |
| Average amount per scholar appropriated by the towns of the State in 1878, | $10 79 |
| Average amount appropriated by the towns of the State in 1879, | $10 55 |
| Amount required of Easton, per scholar, will therefore be 24 cents less this year than it was last. | |

## FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

By complying with the conditions named in the bequest of the late Hon. Oliver Ames, the town became, at the annual March meeting of 1879, entitled to the income of the same. The first payment was due Sept. 1, a payment of $2,000. It was this amount therefore added to the appropriation and to other minor receipts, which was available for schools in 1879. Reference to our financial statement will show that we have expended just about that amount. The next two payments will become due March 1, and Sept. 1, 1880, which will give for this year $4,000 in addition to other receipts, a sum which will enable us to carry forward desirable improvements in our school work.

The proportion of expenses between North Easton (including the High School) and the rest of the town have been carefully maintained as required by the bequest; and, notwithstanding fears to the contrary, it proves to be a very equitable division, as any one may learn who examines the following statements :—

### PROPORTIONAL DIVISION OF RECEIPTS AND EXPENSES.

By the conditions named in the bequest, three-fourths of its income was to be expended in North Easton Village, and also as much per scholar was to be appropriated by the town for the schools in

this village "from the money raised by taxation for schools" as was appropriated per scholar for the support of *all* the schools in town.

There were 800 scholars in town, of whom 502 were in No. 7, and 298 in other parts of the town. The following figures exhibit the proportional division of receipts and expenses:—

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| Of the $2,000 received in 1879 from the bequest, No. 7's three-fourths were | $1,500 00 | |
| Equal proportion per scholar at No 7 of the appropriation ($10 79×502) | 5,416 58 | —$6,916 58 |
| Total High School salaries, | 1,855 00 | |
| Salaries of other teachers, No. 7, | 3,659 00 | |
| Janitor, | 400 00 | |
| Coal and wood, | 313 26 | |
| Proportional expense of music and drawing, | 117 50 | |
| Proportion of supplies, a large part of which were needed in primary and other schools, at No. 7, | 559 00 | —$6,894 76 |
| This makes a difference of only | | $21 82 |

This is coming about as close to the mark as is possible, considering the total amount to be expended.

Scholars outside of No. 7 necessarily require a larger outlay on account of the fewer numbers attending the several schools in those districts, and by applying the minor receipts to them in addition

to their proportion of the appropriation and of the income of the bequest, a larger amount per scholar is secured to them.

In order to remove entirely the impression that the bequest discriminates unfairly in favor of No. 7, the following figures are given:—

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|---|---|
| Total expense of schools at No. 7 for 1879, | $6,894 76 |
| Divide this among the 502 scholars at No. 7 and the cost per scholar would be | $13 73 |
| Total expense ($11,185 57) less No. 7's expense ($6,894 76) gives expense outside No. 7, | $4,290 81 |
| Divide this among the 298 scholars outside No. 7 and the expense per scholar has been | $14 39 |

That is, the latter scholars on that basis of calculation have had 66 cents per scholar more expended upon them than the scholars at No. 7.

But we must take the High School into account and then the showing is still more favorable for these districts. Besides the 502 scholars between the ages of 5 and 15 years at North Easton, there was throughout the year an average of 34 scholars in the High School over 15 years old. This number must therefore be added to the 502,

and we have 536. Divide the whole amount expended at No. 7 by this number (viz.: $6,894 76 ÷536) and we have, as the cost per scholar, the sum of $12 86, against $14 39 for the cost per scholar in the rest of the town. In other words, the latter have had $1 53 more expended upon them than the scholars at No. 7, and this has been done while keeping strictly to the conditions of the bequest. And when it is remembered how much more High School scholars cost than others, and *that about a third of these scholars come from other parts of the town, yet have their expense of education paid out of the appropriation for No. 7*, it will be apparent to every one that there is no shadow of support for the impression that No. 7 has been more favored by the bequest than the rest of the town. Indeed the contrary would be true, were it not that scholars can be equally well educated at No. 7 at less comparative cost. As a matter of fact, probably no division of the income could be more equitable and less open to objection than the one so wisely made already. All parts of the town are sure to be equally and very greatly benefited by it, and its forfeiture would be attended by lasting injury and disgrace.

### USE OF THE INCOME OF BEQUEST.

Among the improvements which the enlarged income made possible to us, and which we have introduced already, may be mentioned the hiring

of a special teacher for drawing and music for the town; the reorganization of the High School and the securing of the long needed services of an assistant teacher; the introduction of improved methods of instruction under specially trained teachers into our primary schools, and the hiring of assistants for the two lower primary schools. Besides all this, the schooling was increased from 36 to 40 weeks. The details of this work will be described elsewhere. Other important work waits to be done, and we hope, with the aid of our enlarged income, to raise all our schools in a short time to a standard of efficiency and excellence superior to that of most other towns. Already they begin to attract favorable notice, and more persons from other places came to visit them in 1879 than ever in one year before.

### APPROPRIATION FOR 1880.

In order to secure the income of the bequest, it is necessary for the town to appropriate an amount per scholar equal to the average amount per scholar appropriated by the several towns of the State, for the preceding year. Had we nothing to gain by it, the adoption of this rule for the regulation of our appropriation would be a wise measure. For this rule expresses the collective wisdom of our Commonwealth, which is certainly a safer guide than the opinion of an ordinary school committee. By its adoption the citizens would be guided by a practical, intelligible principle; they would know

that they had the good sense of the State behind them and were not trusting to the mere judgment (or misjudgment) of a small committee. Certainly Easton would not wish to fall below the average of towns in the provision made for education. The amount for any given year is obtained by multiplying the number of scholars between 5 and 15 years of age by the average amount appropriated per scholar by the towns of the State for that year. That amount for 1879 was $10 55, (against $10 79 for 1878) and our number of scholars May 1, 1879, was 831, so that the required appropriation ($10 55×831) will be $8,767 05. We accordingly recommend the town to appropriate this sum for the support of schools for the year 1880. This amount is actually less per scholar (by 4 cents each) than the town raised in 1875, when the proportional expenses were less than now. It is 24 cents less per scholar than last year. It is about $2 00 less per scholar than was appropriated in 1878 (returns for 1879 not received) by Canton, Randolph and Brockton, and about a dollar less than by Foxborough, East Bridgewater, Bridgewater and Abington. And it is no more than would be needed here to meet expenses even if it were not the condition of receiving $4,000 additional.

## REPAIRS.

Reference to the repairs account will show that the amount required exceeded the appropria-

tion. This was owing to the expense incurred in providing suitable accommodations for the enlarged High School. A new furnace was required to heat the new recitation room and to assist in heating the room divided from the hall above. The school property is in good order. Some furnaces will need repairing, and some other repairs may be essential. We recommend the same sum to be appropriated for repairs as last year, $400.

## DETAILED REPORTS.

No. 1. The first term was begun by a teacher highly recommended, but a week's trial proved her inefficiency and made the work more difficult for her successor. The present teacher has worked hard and with a fair measure of success. Excellent progress is made in reading. One class of beginners was taught by the "Word Method," (soon to be explained) and with very marked success. The large number of recitations in this room makes the work difficult, and it can only be accomplished by most orderly arrangement and precision. We regret to find but one scholar here who was neither absent nor tardy, even for a single term.

No. 2. Strong desire was expressed here for a male teacher and one was provided, a good instructor but not successful as a disciplinarian. Under his successor a marked improvement was observable in the last term of the year, which we wish might continue, and which would do so if the

teacher had the hearty sympathy and co-operation of parents and scholars. Did the parents sustain the teacher in her efforts at discipline it would materially improve the condition of the school. It avails little for the Committee to procure experienced teachers unless the parents will make common cause with them for the good of the school.

No. 3. This school continues in able hands and is making good progress as usual.

No. 6. We are pleased to note in this district a gain in the percentage of attendance and in the number of scholars not absent, tardy and dismissed. In every respect we can report improvement over last year.

No. 7. Considering the large number of small scholars here the attendance is excellent. Truancy is much less common than formerly because the janitor has been made a truant officer, and cases of suspected truancy are immediately reported to him by teachers and promptly looked up. The wisdom of employing a janitor whose whole time is given to the work is manifest in many ways, and the work has been faithfully performed. We shall speak of the schools here with some detail.

### THE HIGH SCHOOL.

The High School is at last organized according to the plan often suggested in these annual reports, but which we have heretofore been unable

to adopt for want of sufficient funds. The possession of the income of the bequest has enabled us to hire a competant assistant. The master is no longer obliged, as heretofore, to hurry through nearly twice as many recitations as any teacher can do justice to, and the instruction is therefore more careful and thorough. The accommodations are now excellent. The partition between the two east rooms on the second floor of the North Easton school house was moved 18 feet towards the south, making a school room 32x50 feet and a recitation room 14x32 feet, both very pleasant and convenient. There are 70 scholars in the High School, and to see these 70 scholars in the room together, enjoying such excellent privileges, is a pleasant sight, a sight we wish a larger number of visitors might avail themselves of. It is fitting that we should put on record here our hearty appreciation of the efficient services of Miss E. T. Atkinson, who was so suddenly removed from us by death last spring. She will be long remembered here as a cultivated; ladylike and successful teacher. Our present assistant, who was employed to take the place thus made vacant, has worked with unabated interest and zeal and deserves the approval and regard of all concerned. An unusually large class graduated in June, the members of which, both in their examinations and the excellence of their closing exercises gave evidence of careful and thorough instruction on the part of their teacher. In justice to some of

the scholars it should be said that while the tables appended to this report show the comparative standing in recitation and deportment, they do not in every case represent the actual efforts and faithfulness and hence the comparative praise due the several scholars. Some are detained at home by sickness and other causes; some have not the natural quickness and aptitude to learn that others have and with harder study may take a poorer rank. These things should be taken into account before anyone is severely judged, or great injustice may be done.

## THE GRAMMAR SCHOOL.

Taking two rooms to make the new High School room made it necessary to provide another room. After considerable deliberation, your Committee decided that, rather than recommend the enlargement of the building or the erection of another house on the same grounds, it would be better for the present to make a temporary partition in the school house hall and make a school room there. This was done, and the grammar school placed there. The room is not particularly convenient, but this arrangement was the least expensive and will do well enough for a while, though the increasing number of scholars will some day necessitate more ample accommodations. The grammar school has been taught for two terms by a lady who came to us highly recommended, and whose success in

this school has fully justified the terms in which we had heard her spoken of.

### SUB-GRAMMAR AND INTERMEDIATE SCHOOLS.

No special changes have been made in the methods or management of these four schools. They remain, with one exception, under the charge of teachers who have served us for a long time, and are therefore well known.

### THE PRIMARY SCHOOLS.

More careful attention is given now than formerly to the methods of instruction and the whole management of primary schools. It is in these schools that pupils form habits of study, of speech, and of deportment that will cling to them through all their school course, and longer. In such a matter as education, it is of the utmost importance to begin well. The opinion is gaining ground, and ought to be too obvious to need arguing, that if the best teachers are more needed in one school than another, it is in the primary school; since here the dependence of scholar upon teacher is more absolute than in the other schools, and since, as just said, early and often permanent habits of study and expression are here formed. It is clear that those who assume such a responsible charge as that of developing and directing the undisciplined minds of

our youngest children, should not only be adapted to it by talent and disposition, but should also be themselves trained in the best methods of such instruction.

Your committee have endeavored to act in accordance with these ideas in the supervision of the primary schools for the past year. The increased funds submitted to their management made it their duty to provide teachers who had been carefully instructed for this special work. This was the only, but it was the sufficient reason why vacancies were created to make place for such teachers.

During the last two terms of 1879 four trained new teachers, one acting as assistant, were placed in our primary schools—the remaining teacher and another assistant having diligently studied and copied the new methods of instruction and management. The results have more than justified our action. No unprejudiced person can visit either of our primary schools for an hour, without great satisfaction with the character of the work done there and the results achieved. It is no disparagement to the former teachers, who did as well as their advantages and the means at their disposal allowed, to say that a marked improvement in our primary instruction is observable. As the principal changes of the year, and some of them quite radical changes, have been made in this branch of our schools, it appears desirable that we should speak of them as fully as our limits will allow. Many will no doubt be interest-

ed to know what the methods are that have been adopted with such excellent results.

1. Instruction in reading is begun and continued by the use of what is called the Word System. Instead of children having to spend a term, more or less, in laboriously learning the *names* of the letters (which when learned are, as Horace Mann said many years ago, a hindrance rather than a help in learning to pronounce words and read sentences) they are taught *words* at once; and, by a variety of means adopted by the teacher, they are constantly instructed to associate these words with the objects or ideas the words are designed to express. In this way the pupil is taught to keep in view the thing or thought embodied in word or sentence. This is the persistent aim of the teacher which she never loses sight of, and it is the only effectual preventive of mere rote and expressionless reading such as is commonly heard in school. We cannot enter into a full description of the details of this method. But before adopting it we took counsel from some of the leading educators of the State, as we were unwilling to trust merely to our own judgment in the matter. Among others we have letters from Hon. J. W. Dickinson, Secretary of the State Board of Education, Prof. Boyden, of the Normal School of Bridgewater, and Prof. Hagar, of the Salem Normal School. Mr. Dickinson, in response to our questions, wrote as follows: "1st. The word method of teaching reading is the one now approv-

ed by all leading educators in this and other countries. 2d. I consider the word method as used at Quincy to be the true method, and I believe Col. Parker is making a most successful application of it. 3d. It would be well to have trained teachers in all the schools, and especially in the primary schools." Prof. Hagar wrote to the same effect. Among other things he said: "Beginning with the alphabet is considered to be the poorest of all the methods in use, and is generally condemned by those who have given much attention to the subject. Experience shows that children will learn to read much more quickly and pleasantly by beginning with words as whole things than they will if they begin with letters." Prof. Boyden wrote as follows: "I would say most emphatically that the objective word method of teaching reading, and the teaching of numbers by the use of counters, and the changed method of primary instruction is *the true way* of teaching. Col. Parker is applying this method effectively at Quincy. We have been teaching our students for a long time this method. In my judgment it is of the highest importance that the primary teaching should be of the very best quality. If you can command the means for carrying this method into effect in your schools, I should say do it with all your might. By all means use your opportunity. It will require much time, care and thought to do the work, but it will pay."

These expressions from foremost educators show that we have not introduced these changed methods of instruction without the most careful deliberation, and also that we are backed by the most competent advisers.

2. A second important feature in this instruction is the constant use of the *blackboard* in teaching. The children are grouped about the teacher in a natural way without being subjected to the irksomeness of "toeing the mark;" their interest is excited in some simple subject; questions are asked and answers given; these, one by one, are transferred to the blackboard; and thus sentences grow under the pupils' eyes, sentences about things they know and have a living interest in; and these are then read in a way very different from the monotonous, trip-hammer style so common. The blackboard is thus an ever new book, capable of giving new and fresh combinations and illustrations.

3. Another essential feature is the early and constant practice of *writing*—but not wholly as a writing exercise. The teachers employ script upon the blackboard. Sentences written thereupon, as just described, are copied upon the slates. This not only gives the scholars writing practice, but it teaches them spelling better than it can be taught orally, and it serves to fix in their memory the words they have just learned. Slates are far more in use with the younger scholars than books. Beginning thus early they soon learn to write with

ease and even elegance. The progress in writing is very marked, and the neatly formed letters and words upon the slates of these little pupils excite the constant surprise of visitors.

4. The early combinations in *numbers* are taught by means of blocks and counters. The children are grouped about a large table, and their eyes and ears are employed—and these objects serve to hold attention and quicken interest. Progress in numbers is made, not at random, but by a carefully prepared system with which the teacher has made herself familiar.

5. There is a constant aim at *variety* and change in the exercises, in order to prevent the tedium young scholars necessarily feel at much restraint. Such restraint is very wearing and detrimental to these little children who must and ought to have great freedom of movement. Military, noiseless order in a primary school room is a cruel exaction.

In our primary schools, while the discipline is at no time rigorous, the teachers about every half hour give relief to the children by a few minutes singing, marching, or calisthenic exercises, so that there is little chance of their becoming fatigued.

6. For reasons just given, and because the schools are thus made pleasant and the exercises more various and enjoyable, it is certain that these new methods are more favorable to the *health* of the

pupils. They must also be much less liable to injure the eyesight, because there is far less book study required. We have constant evidence given to show that these children are more eager than ever before to attend school; and it surely is a great point gained when our children grow up with a real love for school and school work.

The condition of our primary schools at North Easton is much better than ever before, and is still improving. We do not claim that this has been the result entirely of changed methods. These methods need trained and efficient teachers, and we have been very fortuntae in securing such primary teachers here. They have all shown a deep interest in their work, which they have spared no efforts to make perfect. Particular mention deserves to be made of the Misses Chase, who began the application of these new methods here, and who have labored with devoted energy and enthusiasm in this high and honorable calling. It is very gratifying to be able also to record the fact that these efforts have met with even greater appreciation than we expected on the part of parents and friends, who have frequently visited the schools.

That such changes could be made with so little friction, and with so hearty a welcome, speaks well for the good sense of our community.

No. 8. It would be sufficient praise to say that this school maintains the high rank it held last year, but in some respects it even improves upon

it. This is the banner district school for the year in regard to attendance, though not having so high a percentage as No. 10 attained last year, and less than the High School this year. The excellent understanding maintained here between teacher, parents and children is pleasant to see and helps explain the good condition of the school.

No. 9. This school for 1879, as for some time before, was taught and conducted in a manner deserving unqualified praise. The retiring teacher not only won, but richly deserved the entire respect and confidence of all those who were interested in the school, and the blessings of grateful hearts will follow her in her new sphere of duty.

No. 10. We can speak of the school work here with commendation equal to that given to the two last mentioned. There is a particularly large number of scholars neither absent nor tardy for at least one term—a number half that of all the pupils in the district and two-thirds of the number attending during any one term. This is remarkable and very commendable, especially considering how far from school the pupils live.

Union District. The lower school here is still in the charge of the teacher whose long continuance in her position is a sufficient evidence of the confidence her work awakens. The upper school was singularly fortunate in the teacher who had charge of it during the first two terms. Under her direction a class of two graduated in June,

whose studies ranked with those of the corresponding class at North Easton, and whose proficiency was considerably above the average. They received of course the High School diplomas of graduation. One of this class is now a member of the Salem Normal School. The teacher just referred to was called to a position of much larger pay and greater promise, and we could not retain her. Her successor was a young lady of finest character and accomplishments, but she had not the strength to control those scholars who were deficient in that respect and appreciation which such a character ought to inspire in every heart.

### MUSIC AND DRAWING.

As already stated, a beginning has been made in the systematic teaching of these two interesting branches of instruction. A teacher gives her whole time to them, visiting all the schools in town in regular succession, about twice a week. Considerable interest is manifested in drawing. It gives variety to school routine and relief from book study, trains eye and hand, assists in perfecting penmanship, and in many cases developes genuine talents for drawing whose existence would otherwise have been unsuspected, but whose exercise will become to many a source of refining pleasure, and to some a practical means of profit and use.

The study of music has begun, but its successful prosecution is hindered by the want of musical instruments, a want there will be some means of supplying before long.

Appended hereto will be found the usual financial accounts, statistical tables, etc., all of which we respectfully submit.

J. O. DEAN,
L. S. DRAKE,
WM. L. CHAFFIN.
JAMES RANKIN.

# FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

## RECEIPTS.

| | |
|---|---|
| Appropriations for 1879, | $8632 00 |
| Income from the Hon. Oliver Ames' bequest from March 1, 1879, | 2000 00 |
| Income from State school fund | 229 73 |
| Amount from dog tax | 244 84 |
| Tuition of out of town scholars | 27 00 |
| Rent for school house hall | 50 00 |
| Use of schoolhouse No 1 | 2 00 |
| | $11,185 57 |

## EXPENDITURES.

### TEACHERS' SALARIES.

| | |
|---|---|
| M. C. Lamprey | $1500 00 |
| E. T. Atkinson | 162 50 |
| Mary V. Morse | 342 50 |
| Rebecca C. Brooks | 337 50 |
| Belle Calef | 387 00 |
| Mary A. Higginbottom | 387 00 |
| Edith E. Williams | 227 50 |
| Marian E. Fitton | 353 50 |
| Jessie F. Russell | 340 50 |
| Carrie E. Gay | 214 50 |
| Hattie A. Holmes | 104 00 |
| Mary J. Reynolds | 333 50 |
| Anna Chase | 253 75 |
| Mattie Chase | 253 75 |
| C. L. Polsen | 140 00 |

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|---|---|
| C. C. Watson | 112 00 |
| Mary McEvoy | 52 00 |
| Emma C. Kaan | 187 25 |
| Mrs. H. L. Goward | 5 00 |
| W. H. Faxon | 7 50 |
| L. M. Toothacher | 432 00 |
| W. C. Spring | 357 50 |
| L. M. Heath | 334 00 |
| Helen B. Furber | 295 00 |
| Louise F. Williams | 368 00 |
| Gertrude M. King | 175 00 |
| Carrie A. Keith | 334 00 |
| Helen L. Gay | 373 50 |
| Susie M. Butters | 368 00 |
| Louisa C. Young | 334 00 |
| P. B. Cathelle | 140 00 |
| Annie L. Bennett | 8 00 |
| Louise F. Marshall | 58 40 |
| | $9,278 65 |

## CARE OF SCHOOLHOUSES.

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|---|---|
| Care of house, No. 1 | $22 05 |
| " " 2 | 19 00 |
| " " 3 | 17 50 |
| " " 6 | 17 60 |
| " " 7 | 400 00 |
| " " 8 | 22 50 |
| " " 9 | 17 80 |
| " " 10 | 19 50 |
| " Union | 66 00 |
| | $601 95 |

## FUEL.

| | |
|---|---|
| Coal for No. 7 | $303 26 |
| " Union district | 59 31 |
| Wood for the town, cut and housed | 223 79 |
| | $586 36 |

## SUPPLIES AND SUNDRIES.

| | |
|---|---|
| J. O. Dean, supplies of mats, brooms, pails, ink, etc. | $155 64 |
| O. Ames & Sons Corp., supplies | 30 21 |
| L. Prang & Co., drawing books and materials | 74 67 |
| " Natural History charts, manuals, etc., etc. | 22 47 |
| M. W. Tewksbury, teachers' manuals, object lessons, extra sets of readers and record books | 72 81 |
| J. L. Hammett, reading charts and primers | 27 75 |
| Ginn & Heath, 1 music chart | 8 00 |
| Knight, Adams & Co., 1 large dictionary | 8 50 |
| Nichols and Hall, slates for primary schools, pencils, color chart and cartage | 35 62 |
| L. S. Drake, High School diplomas and books | 11 22 |
| " books for desks and programmes | 11 87 |
| Fred E. Phelps, rubber stamp and pad | 3 00 |
| Ware & Co., 35 Franklin 2d Readers | 8 50 |
| O. F. Howe, mats, brooms, brushes and pans | 28 03 |
| A. G. Whitcomb, 9 doz. erasers | 18 00 |
| " microscope and attachments | 71 57 |
| " large globe for High School | 60 00 |
| A. J. Johnson, works on Natural History | 13 75 |
| D. C. Allen, card lessons in numbers | 6 00 |
| George Woods & Co., repairing school organs | 4 20 |
| A. P. Smith, printing programmes | 8 00 |

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|---|---|
| Lockwood & Brooks, English literature and blank book | 4 50 |
| Blocks and tables for object lessons and blackboards | 38 29 |
| M. C. Lamprey, classical atlas and sundries | 2 52 |
| | $725 12 |

## RECAPITULATION.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Receipts from all sources | | $11,185 57 |
| Salaries of teachers | $9279 15 | |
| Care of schoolhouses | 601 95 | |
| Fuel | 586 36 | |
| Supplies and sundries | 725 12 | $11,192 58 |
| Excess of expenditures | | $7 01 |

## REPAIRS ACCOUNT.

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|---|---|
| Amount appropriated for repairs March, 1879 | $400 00 |

### EXPENDITURES.

| | |
|---|---|
| Samuel Paul's bill of lumber | $ 80 95 |
| O. Ames & Sons' bill of iron work | 13 15 |
| B. F. Macomber's bill of work | 6 24 |
| McNutt, bill of mouldings | 4 25 |
| Lucian Bonney's bill of work | 36 39 |
| John McNamara's work 22 days | 44 00 |
| D. F. Clark's work | 30 00 |
| H. D. Thompson, mason work | 15 27 |
| J. & H Kohler, furnace | 220 00 |
| P. W. Fecto, 6 pair brackets | 1 65 |

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| E. P. Spooner's bill | 3 07 |
| William Packard, 2 loads sand | 2 00 |
| E. S. Russell, work in No. 7 yard | 8 27 |
| DeWitt Bros. " " " | 8 75 |
| F. J. Pitchard " " roof | 19 55 |
| H. L. Howard " " 3 | 1 90 |
| S. D. Simpson, repairs at No. 2 | 4 72 |
| L. S. Drake, repairs at Union District | 12 00 |
| H. J. Wilkinson, bill of sundries | 7 08 |
| Team to Union District with hard pine | 50 |
| 120 feet of hard pine to Union District | 5 40 |
| 100 bricks for No. 7 | 80 |
| ½ cask cement and carting same | 1 25 |
| Paid Mr. Hammond for work at No. 7 | 9 00 |
| 3 casks lime | 3 75 |
| 144 feet chestnut boards | 5 76 |
| J. O. Dean, 89½ hours work on repairs | 22 38 |
| " cash and traveling expenses | 5 20 |
| Alexander Mack's bill of work at No. 7 | 7 25 |
| | $580 53 |

CONTRA CREDIT.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| By 150 clapboards for DeWitt Bros. | $3 75 | |
| By 25 feet boards for John McNamara | 87 | —$ 4 62 |
| Total expenses | | $575 91 |
| Amount appropriated | | 400 00 |
| Excess of expense | | $175 91 |

# STATISTICAL TABLE.

| DISTRICT. | Children between 5 and 15 years, May 1, 1879. | Whole No. of schol'rs each term. | Average attendance. | Percentage of attendance. | Over 15. | Under 5. | Cost of teachers in each district. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| HIGH SCHOOL, Winter,..... | | 38 | 33.50 | .88 | 31 | | |
| Spring,..... | | 37 | 34.00 | .92 | 33 | | $1,855 00 |
| Fall, ..... | | 70 | 63.50 | .91 | 36 | | |
| No. 1, Winter and Spring,. | 40 | 47 | 36.00 | .77 | 2 | | 498 40 |
| Fall,..... | | 36 | 31.56 | .88 | 1 | | |
| No. 2, Winter,..... | | 40 | 31.50 | .79 | 7 | | |
| Spring,..... | 36 | 35 | 29.00 | .83 | 6 | | 497 50 |
| Fall,..... | | 34 | 26.00 | .76 | 5 | | |
| No. 3, Winter,..... | | 21 | 16.63 | .79 | 1 | | |
| Spring, ..... | 29 | 20 | 14.77 | .74 | 1 | | 334 00 |
| Fall, ..... | | 25 | 19.61 | .78 | 1 | | |
| UNION, Winter,..... | | 81 | 62.29 | .77 | 6 | 2 | |
| Spring,..... | 84 | 84 | 69.39 | .83 | 5 | 3 | 838 00 |
| Fall,..... | | 89 | 68 47 | .76 | 7 | 2 | |
| No. 6, Winter,..... | | 21 | 14.54 | .69 | 3 | | |
| Spring,..... | 19 | 18 | 14.25 | .79 | 1 | | 334 00 |
| Fall,..... | | 19 | 13.20 | .69 | 13 | | |
| No. 7,* Winter,..... | | 402 | 320.37 | .79 | 3 | 2 | |
| Spring,..... | 513 | 436 | 368.61 | .84 | 3 | 2 | 3,659 00 |
| Fall,..... | | 477 | 385.36 | .80 | | 5 | |
| No. 8, Winter,..... | | 56 | 51.24 | .86 | 3 | | |
| Spring,..... | 46 | 38 | 34.54 | .91 | 2 | | 373 50 |
| Fall,..... | | 30 | 26.70 | .89 | 1 | | |
| No. 9, Winter,..... | | 34 | 26.84 | .79 | 1 | | |
| Spring..... | 28 | 34 | 28.24 | .83 | | | 368 00 |
| Fall,..... | | 36 | 29.39 | .82 | 1 | | |
| No. 10, Winter,..... | | 22 | 19.62 | .89 | 5 | | |
| Spring,..... | 36 | 27 | 22.54 | .83 | 2 | | 334 00 |
| Fall,..... | | 27 | 22.49 | .83 | | | |
| Music and draw'g teacher,.. | | | | | | | 187 25 |
| Totals,..... | 831 | 936† | 686.31 | .81 | †103 | †5 | $9,278 65 |

* Exclusive of High School Scholars. The whole number of different scholars who have attended the High School during the year was 83. Of these, 55 were from North Easton, 25 from other parts of the town, (viz: 6 from No. 1, 1 from No. 2, 5 from No. 3, 3 from No. 6, 5 from No. 8, 3 from No. 9, 2 from No. 11) and 3 from Raynham.

† Of different scholars for the whole year.

# EASTON HIGH SCHOOL.

RANK, ATTENDANCE, AND DEPORTMENT, WINTER TERM, ENDING MARCH 21, 1879.

[Scale of Rank from 0 to 10.]

| NAMES. | General Average. | Absences. | Tardinesses. | Dismissals. | Deportment. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **First Class.** | | | | | |
| Daniel F. Buckley | 9.69 | 13.5 | 1 | | 9.7 |
| Eddie J. Barlow | 9.65 | .5 | | 1 | 9.7 |
| Mabel A. Buck | 9.56 | 12 | 1 | | 10 |
| Patrick E. Conroy | 9.70 | .5 | | 1 | 9.7 |
| Annie R. Chaffin | 9.55 | 21.5 | | | 10 |
| Mary E. Foy | 9.57 | 3 | | | 10 |
| Carrie P. Lincoln | 9.64 | .5 | 2 | | 10 |
| Arthur A. Lincoln | 9 80 | 5 | | | 10 |
| Grace E. Ripley | 9.64 | | | | 10 |
| Carrie L. Ripley | 9.07 | 12.5 | | | 10 |
| Adella Randall | 9.62 | 8 | | | 10 |
| Etta S. C. Willis | 9.70 | 50 | | | 10 |
| Ernest S. Williams | 9.72 | 8.5 | 1 | | 10 |
| **Second Class.** | | | | | |
| Daniel J. Dineen | 9.53 | 8.5 | 4 | 3 | 9.8 |
| Isabel G. Farrell | 9.31 | 19 | | 2 | 10 |
| Hattie F. Greenleaf | 9.60 | 8.5 | | | 10 |
| John E. Haney | 9.54 | 20 | | | 9.9 |
| Louise Howard | 9.53 | 6.5 | 1 | | 10 |
| Adella Keith | 9.54 | 22 | | 1 | 10 |
| Edward H. Kennedy | 9.49 | 3 | 5 | | 9.8 |
| Sarah J. McEntee | 9.56 | 1.5 | 2 | | 10 |
| Edith M. Poole | 9.68 | 1 | | 1 | 10 |
| Mary L. Reed | 9.64 | | | 1 | 10 |
| Julia A. Riordan | 9.68 | 1 | | | 10 |
| Robert C. Randall | 9.73 | 5.5 | | | 10 |
| Ida M. Tinkham | 9.62 | 25 | | | 10 |
| Sadie L. Waldron | 9.64 | 6.5 | | | 10 |
| **Third Class.** | | | | | |
| James P. Barlow | 9.81 | 2.5 | 14 | 6 | 9.5 |
| Freeman F. Baldwin | 9.61 | 8 | | 1 | 10 |
| Andrew J. Conroy | 9.81 | .5 | 1 | 4 | 9.9 |
| Edward B. Hayward | 9.81 | | | 1 | 10 |
| Louise Holmes | 9.61 | 2.5 | | 1 | 10 |
| Eddie E. Kelley | 9.60 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 10 |
| Willie F. Needham | 9.51 | 2 | | | 10 |
| Henry G. Poole | 9.76 | | | | 10 |
| Ella A. Wade | 9.68 | .5 | | 1 | 10 |
| John M. Williams | 9.23 | 3 | | 7 | 10 |
| Janet Young | 9.71 | 4 | | 1 | 10 |

# EASTON HIGH SCHOOL.

RANK, ATTENDANCE, AND DEPORTMENT, SPRING TERM, ENDING JUNE 27, 1879.

[Scale of Rank from 0 to 10.]

| NAMES. | General Average. | Absences. | Tardinesses. | Dismissals. | Deportment. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **First Class.** | | | | | |
| Daniel F. Buckley | 9.50 | 11.5 | | 1 | 9.9 |
| Eddie J. Barlow | 9.45 | 6.5 | 4 | | 9.9 |
| Mabel A. Buck | 9.00 | 13.5 | 2 | | 10 |
| Patrick E Conroy | 9.45 | 23 | | | 9.9 |
| Annie R. Chaffin | 9.10 | 7 | | | 10 |
| Mary E. Foy | 9.60 | | | | 10 |
| Carrie P. Lincoln | 9.73 | 1 | | | 10 |
| Arthur A. Lincoln | 9.79 | | | | 10 |
| Grace E. Ripley | 9.00 | 1.5 | | 1 | 10 |
| Carrie L. Ripley | 8.60 | 9 | | | 10 |
| Adella Randall | 9.00 | 8 | | 4 | 10 |
| Ernest S. Williams | 9.50 | 9 | | 1 | 10 |
| **Second Class.** | | | | | |
| Daniel J. Dineen | 9.01 | 3.5 | 1 | 3 | 9.9 |
| Isabel G. Farrell | 8 72 | 7 | 3 | 2 | 9.9 |
| Hattie F. Greenleaf | 9.60 | 18 | | | 10 |
| John E. Haney | 9.34 | 4 | | | 9.9 |
| Louise Howard | 8.65 | 2.5 | | 1 | 10 |
| Adella Keith | 9.00 | 1.5 | | 2 | 10 |
| Edward H. Kennedy | 9.13 | 1.5 | 3 | 1 | 9.9 |
| Sarah J. McEntee | 9.56 | 4.5 | | 1 | 9.9 |
| Edith M. Poole | 9.62 | 10 | | | 10 |
| Mary L. Reed | 9.64 | 1 | | | 10 |
| Julia A. Riordan | 9.17 | 5 | 1 | | 10 |
| Robert C. Randall | 9.79 | 1 | | 1 | 10 |
| Ida M. Tinkham | 9.48 | 6 | | | 10 |
| Sadie L. Waldron | 9.87 | 1.5 | | | 10 |
| **Third Class.** | | | | | |
| James P. Barlow | 9.86 | 4.5 | 1 | 8 | 9.9 |
| Freeman F. Baldwin | 9.54 | 2.5 | | | 9.9 |
| Andrew J. Conroy | 9.72 | 4 | | | 9.9 |
| Edward B. Hayward | 9.78 | | | | 10 |
| Louise Holmes | 9.61 | 1 | | 1 | 10 |
| Eddie E. Kelley | 9.60 | 3 | | 2 | 10 |
| Willie F. Needham | 9.51 | 1 | | | 9.9 |
| Henry G. Poole | 9.76 | | | | 9.9 |
| Ella A. Wade | 9.68 | 2 | | 1 | 10 |
| John M. Williams | 9.33 | 7 | | 7 | 10 |
| Janet Young | 9.68 | 2 | | 3 | 10 |

# EASTON HIGH SCHOOL.

RANK, ATTENDANCE, AND DEPORTMENT, FALL TERM, ENDING DEC. 12, 1879.

[Scale of Rank, from 0 to 10.]

| NAMES. | General Average. | Absences. | Tardinesses. | Dismissals. | Deportment. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **First Class.** | | | | | |
| Annie Atwood | 8.85 | 11.5 | 4 | 2 | 10 |
| Mary W. Berry | 8.84 | 2 | | 4 | 9.5 |
| Alice M. Buck | 9.23 | | 1 | | 10 |
| M. Alice Capen | 9.02 | 12 | | | 10 |
| Katie M. Corley | 9.00 | 36.5 | | 2 | 10 |
| William Corley | 6.80 | 10 | | 1 | 10 |
| Sadie F. Dickerman | 8.89 | 2.5 | | | 10 |
| James W. Finley | 9.15 | 1.5 | 1 | | 10 |
| Clarence Goward | 9.00 | .5 | | | 10 |
| Herman Howard | 9.87 | 1 | | | 10 |
| Henry A. Kennedy | 8.00 | .5 | | | 10 |
| T. H. McCarthy | 8.72 | 3.5 | 1 | | 10 |
| William Menton | 7.65 | 2 | | | 9.5 |
| Delmont Miller | 7.50 | | | 1 | 9.5 |
| Georgiana Pope | 9.00 | 37.5 | | | 10 |
| Emma Packard | 7.50 | 3 | 2 | 3 | 10 |
| Julia Rankin | 7.80 | | | | 10 |
| Jessie E. Sele | 9.18 | 2.5 | | | 10 |
| Jennie E Shepardson | 9.00 | 7.5 | | | 10 |
| George Shepard | 9.57 | 2 | | 2 | 10 |
| Eugene E. Thayer | 8.42 | 1 | 1 | 3 | 10 |
| Nellie M. Toothaker | 8.83 | .5 | | | 10 |
| Myra A. Wade | 8.34 | | | | 10 |
| Etta S. C. Willis | 9.84 | 2.5 | | 1 | 10 |
| Mary J. Young | 9.47 | 6.5 | | 1 | 10 |
| **Second Class.** | | | | | |
| Daniel F. Buckley | 9.50 | 4 | 1 | 1 | 9.5 |
| Eddie J. Barlow | 8.68 | 12.5 | 3 | | 9.5 |
| Mabel A. Buck | 9.38 | 6 | 1 | | 10 |
| Patrick E. Conroy | 9.60 | 39 | | | 9.5 |
| Annie R. Chaffin | 9.42 | 1 | | | 9.5 |
| Mary E. Foy | 9.00 | 2 | | 1 | 9.5 |
| Carrie P. Lincoln | 9.47 | .5 | | | 9.5 |
| Arthur A. Lincoln | 9.85 | .5 | | | 10 |
| Grace E. Ripley | 9.18 | 4.5 | | | 10 |
| Carrie L. Ripley | 8.22 | 3 | | | 10 |
| Adella Randall | 9.00 | 15 | | 2 | 10 |
| Ernest S. Williams | 9.60 | 16 | | | 10 |
| **Third Class.** | | | | | |
| Daniel J. Dineen | 9.55 | .5 | | 1 | 10 |
| Isabel G. Farrell | 8.40 | 3.5 | | 4 | 10 |
| Hattie F. Greenleaf | 9.32 | 9 | 1 | 3 | 10 |
| John E. Haney | 9.78 | | | | 9.5 |
| Louise Howard | 8.89 | 5.5 | | 3 | 10 |
| Adella Keith | 9.63 | .5 | | 3 | 10 |
| Edward H. Kennedy | 9.23 | .5 | | | 9.5 |
| Sarah J. McEntee | 9.81 | | | 2 | 10 |
| Edith M. Poole | 9.87 | 12 | 2 | 1 | 10 |
| Mary L. Reed | 9.89 | 5.5 | 2 | 3 | 10 |
| Julia A. Riordan | 9.67 | 6.5 | | 2 | 10 |
| Robert C. Randall | 9.56 | | | | 10 |
| Ida M. Tinkham | 9.60 | 3.5 | | 1 | 10 |
| Sadie L. Waldron | 9.87 | 3.5 | | 1 | 10 |

## SCHOLARS NEITHER ABSENT, TARDY NOR DISMISSED.

Those with an asterisk (*) three terms; those with a dagger (†) two terms; the rest one term.

### District No. 1.

W. Arthur Evans.

### No. 2.

Carrie W. Goward, Bradford B. Lothrop,
Bertha Goward.

### No. 3.

Wilmarth P. Howard, Alfred W. Heath.

### Union District.

Helen Belcher †
Linnie Drake †
Helen Drake,
Minnie C. Ghen †
Georgie G. Nye †
Mabel F. Wilber,
Mary Hamilton,
Timmie Manning,
Willie Goward,
Willie T. Nye,
Daniel J. Eddy,
Arthur L. Belcher,
Willie J Irving,
Georgie L. Willis,

### Neither Absent nor Tardy.

Frankie A. Hamilton † Freddie K. Belcher.

### No. 6.

Edith W. Buck †
Hattie W. Buck †
Sandford Buck †
Willie McDermott †
Alice M. Buck,
Ella Austin,
Horace H. Buck,
Howard W. Buck,
Burton Allen.

No. 7.

Henry G. Poole †
Edward B. Hayward †
Grace E. Ripley,
Mary E. Foy,
Julia Rankin,
Myra A. Wade,
Arthur A. Lincoln,
Arthur W. Evans,
Pardon B. Gifford,
John E. Haney,
Robert C. Randall,
Jesse C. Wilson,
Helen S. Andrews,
Emma Fecto,
Henry A. Kennedy,
Eugene E. Thayer,
Charlie S. L. Kennedy,
Lester W. Fobes,
Joseph Doherty,

Nella Fobes *
Cleon Fobes *
Sophia Phillips,
Louis H. Carr †
James Bradley,
Thomas Malloy,

Mamie F. Berry †
Hattie Bump †
Richard Barrett †
Emma D. Bump,
Rose Ella O'Beirne,
Allice Sheerin,
Daniel Barrett,
Daniel Conroy,
Albert Johnson,
Dennis Sheerin,
Howard Gilmore,
John Riordan,
Dennis Sweeney,
Willie McGinty,

John McNamarra *
Katie Goodman †
Nellie Hallihan,
Maggie Donahoe,
Nellie Coughlin,
Julia A. Daley,
Minnie Bradley,
Daniel Donahoe,
James Barrett,
John Hennessy,
John Sheehan,
Harry L. Jones,

Katie Daley †
Mary Malloy †
Lizzie Riordan,
Vernie Packard,
Julia Riordan,
Katie Walsh,
John Quill,
Charlie Ericsson,

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|---|---|
| Madge Blake, | Patrick Lyons, |
| Annie Desmond, | Daniel McDavitt, |
| Hannah Hill, | Patrick O'Neil, |
| Honora Leary, | Jerry Lyons, |
| Mary Malloy * | Emma Scanlon, |
| Mary McCarthy † | Willie Campion, |
| Annie Desmond † | Dennis Donahue, |
| Patrick Moynihan † | Dennis Galvin, |
| Hannah Walsh, | Daniel McNamarra, |
| Jane Dermody, | Bennie Reehill, |
| Mary Gray, | James Riley, |
| Mary Mahony, | James Riordan, |
| Mary Riordan, | Jerry Sweeney, |
| Honora Turpin † | Daniel McNamarra, |
| Carl Ollsen, | James Cahill, |
| Katie Hallihan, | John Gallivan, |
| Nellie Hammond, | Martin Mulhearn, |
| Agnes Murphy, | Rufus Almquest, |
| Hannah McNamarra, | Carl Elberg, |
| Minnie Phillips, | Timmie Malloy, |
| Maggie Riordan, | Connie Sullivan, |
| Victoria Riordan, | John Turpin, |

NEITHER ABSENT NOR TARDY.

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|---|---|
| Mary L. Reed, | Sarah McEntee, |
| Edward B. Hayward, | Delmont Miller, |
| Mary A. Willis † | Lester W. Fobes † |
| Henry A. Kennedy, | Clarence Goward, |
| Eugene Thayer, | Charlie Andrews, |
| Ora Randall, | Michael Healan, |
| Mary Callahan, | George Rice, |
| Mabel M. White, | Frank Ladd, |

Hattie Bump,
Mary Coughlin,
Julia Scanlon,
Nellie Mulligan,
Maggie Sheehan,
Nellie Reehill,
Katie Conroy,
Freeman Hennessy,
Daniel Lyons,
Pattie Moore,
Mathias Conroy,
Annie D. Wardell,
Hattie Hammond,
PatrickMoynihan *
Henry Cooney,
Willie Doherty,

No. 8.

Sadie F. Dickerman †
Myra E. Pierce,
Lena B. Calef,
May Watts,
Vergie S. Keith,
Abbie M. Webster,
Alice L. Watts,
Wayland W. Webster,
Alverdo P. Webster,
Harry C. Marshall,
Jenner B. Taylor.

NEITHER ABSENT NOR TARDY,

Mabel E. Baldwin.

No. 9.

Susie M. Smith *
Willie Nelson *
Mary M. Leonard †
C. Luella Watts †
Nettie G. Watts †
Frankie Nelson †
G. Arthur Smith †
Myra A. Wade,
Winifred Eldredge,
Hattie Kelly,
Willinia Nelson.

NEITHER ABSENT NOR TARDY.

Winifred Eldredge.

No. 10.

Annie F. Gooch †
Mary Randall †
Lizzie Schraut,
Amy L. Gooch,

Nancy G. Tisdale †
Arvine A. Gooch †
Nellie M. Murphy,
Nina M. Randall,
James L. Randall,
Fred Randall,
Chester B. Williams.

NEITHER ABSENT NOR TARDY.

Mary Randall,
Nellie M. Murphy,
Andrew E. Randall,
Elwin F. Randall,
Alton L. Gooch,
Arvine A. Gooch,
Fred Randall.

## LIST OF JURORS AS MADE OUT BY THE SELECTMEN.

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Leavitt L. Berry,
Dennis S. Buck,
Lucien Bonney,
Joseph Barrows,
Leander Chase,
Hugh Curran,
D. Frederic Clark,
Abbott L. Drake,
John O. Dean,
Charles R. Dickerman,
Daniel W. Dickerman,
George E. Dana,
George F. Evans,
William H. Frost,
Levi Fitton,
Alpheus Fobes,
Frank E. Goward,
Edward R. Hayward,
Thaxter D. Hervey,
William C. Howard,
Edwin D. Howard,
Samuel A. Hayward,
J. Preston Howard,
Jonathan W. Keith,
Nathan King,
Thomas B. Keith,
Daniel C. Lillie,
George A. Lackey,
Jonathan A. Pratt,
Nathaniel W. Perry,
William P. Packard,
William T. Packard,
Ramoth G. Randall,
Lucius D. Seaver,
William F. Staples,
Elijah P. Spooner,
J. Edmund Shepardson,
Frederic G. Thayer,
William J. Twohig,
Edward D. Williams,
Henry P. Waite,
Charles J. Wade.

J. A. Pratt,
Hiram Williams,
William C. Howard,
} *Selectmen of Easton.*

Easton, Feb. 17th, 1880.

# TOWN WARRANT.

BRISTOL ss.

To P. WILLIAM FECTO, *Constable of the Town of Easton, in the County of Bristol*,

GREETING:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are directed to notify the inhabitants of the town of Easton qualified to vote in elections and town affairs to meet in the Town Hall in said Easton, on the eighth day of March next at one o'clock, then and there to act on the following articles:—

1st. To choose a moderator to preside at said meeting.

2d. To see if the town will accept the report of the selectmen, overseers of the poor, road commissioners, treasurer and school committee.

3d. To choose all necessary town officers for the ensuing year.

4th. To determine the manner of repairing the highways, townways and bridges for the ensuing year.

5th. To raise such sums of money as may be neces-

sary to defray the town charges for the ensuing year, and make appropriations for the same.

6th. To see if the town will authorize the treasurer to borrow money in anticipation of taxes.

7th. To see if the town will raise and appropriate money to pay the fare on the railroad from Easton to North Easton for such scholars as wish to attend the High School at North Easton.

8th. To see if the town will accept the road as laid out by the selectmen, running from near Britton's blacksmith shop in Pequanticut in a northerly direction to the old Allen house so called, and raise and appropriate money for the same.

9th. To see if the town will raise and appropriate money to repair the fire engine in South Easton.

10th. To see if the town will raise and appropriate the sum of five thousand dollars for the purpose of erecting a soldiers' monument or a memorial hall.

11th. To see if the town will raise and appropriate the sum of one hundred dollars to be expended under the direction of A. B. Randall, Post No. 52, G. A. R., in decorating soldiers' graves.

12th. To see if the town will raise and appropriate money to fence and make improvements in the old cemetery, on the road from A. C. Wade's to Charles E. Randall's.

13th. To see if the town will accept the list of jurors as made out by the selectmen.

14th. To see if the town will instruct the school committee to furnish to the scholars of the several schools the books used in the schools, and pay for the same from the money appropriated for the support of schools.

15th. To see what action, if any, the town will take in regard to persons fencing in land belonging to the highway.

16th. To transact any other business that may legally come before said meeting.

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting up attested copies thereof at each of the public meeting houses in said town, seven days at least before the time of holding said meeting.

Hereof fail not; and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon to the town clerk at the time and place of meeting aforesaid.

Given under our hands this seventeenth day of February, in the year one thousand eight hundred and eighty.

J. A. Pratt,
Hiram Williams,
William C. Howard,
} *Selectmen of Easton.*